

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR YOUR VIRTUAL FAMILY MEETING

The Family Meeting is an essential part of the admissions process at BASIS Independent Manhattan and is weighted in our admissions decision. This meeting is the Admissions team's opportunity to learn more about your child and your family's interest in BASIS Independent Manhattan. While we are happy to answer questions about our program or logistics, the Family Meeting is not the best time to learn about our program and offerings. Prior to the Family Meeting **we strongly encourage families to visit our website, submit a phone call request with a member from our admissions team, or take a look at our virtual tour online to ensure a productive conversation.**

During the Family Meeting, we will ask about your student's academic trajectory, interests, and motivation, as well as your family's educational philosophy and goals. Our purpose is to understand how and why BASIS Independent Manhattan fits in with your family's educational objectives.

Family Meetings generally take 45 minutes to an hour. Read the following for details about whether your student must attend; we do require at least one parent/guardian to be in attendance.

APPLICANTS FOR PREK, KINDERGARTEN, OR GRADE 1:

Your student does not need to be in attendance, but they are more than welcome to come sit in and say hello! While there is no evaluative component to your child's attendance, we may ask them a question or two to include them in the conversation.

APPLICANTS FOR GRADES 2–4:

Your student must be in attendance and be prepared to participate. While this will feel like a comfortable "getting to know you" conversation, we recommend that you speak to your child in advance and let them know that this an opportunity to make a positive impression. They should be able to answer questions about themselves, their school, their interests, and their activities independently, but the conversation will be primarily driven by parents/guardians and the Admissions team.

APPLICANTS FOR GRADES 5 AND ABOVE:

Your student must be in attendance and be prepared to participate. Students should be ready to independently discuss their academic and non-academic interests, their specific interest in BASIS Independent Manhattan, their educational goals, and any questions they might have. While we strongly discourage any formal interview prep, we recommend alerting your child to the importance of the Family Meeting, as we want them to have every opportunity to make a positive impression. The conversation will be mostly driven by the student and the Admissions team, with time set aside for Admissions to talk with parents and answer any questions.

Your Virtual Family Meeting will be completed through our Educational Zoom Account. Our Admissions Team will be reaching out to you to schedule a date and time. Once your appointment is confirmed, we will send you the password and log-in credentials for the Virtual Family Meeting. If for any reason your family cannot attend your scheduled Virtual Family Meeting, please call to let us know at the appropriate number below:

Office of Admissions | **PreK-Grade 5: 347 305 4960** Office of Admissions | **Grades 6-10: 917 383 2600**