

Dear (MS)² Finalist,

Dr. Sykes is excited to meet you during your upcoming interview. In advance of this, the (MS)² office has gathered some tips and advice for you to reflect on as you prepare for our meeting. If you have questions or concerns about your interview appointment, please contact the (MS)² office at ms2@andover.edu or 978-749-4402.

(MS)² finalist interviews are conducted in-person, depending on the city, or virtually. If you are scheduled for a virtual interview, you should have received the ZOOM link in the confirmation email from Calendly. If you did not receive a Calendly confirmation or the ZOOM link, contact the (MS)² office at ms2@andover.edu or 978-749-4402.

Meeting Logistics

Your interview will last 30 minutes. During the first 20 minutes you will be asked the Interview Questions below. Your parents/guardians (or another family member) are invited to join us for the whole interview or the last 10 minutes to hear more about the program and ask questions.

Interview Tips

- If you are scheduled for a ZOOM interview, set up your computer/device ahead of time and log into ZOOM a few minutes before your interview. Turn on your camera. If possible, pick a quiet spot that is free of distractions to conduct your interview.
- Arrive a few minutes before your interview.
- Relax. Be yourself! ☺
- Greet your interviewer.
- Have questions in mind for the interviewer. You can bring a notebook with you with a list of questions you or your parents would like answered.
- Review the interview questions (below) to get a sense of how the conversation will go.

Interview Questions

In preparation for your interview, here are several questions for you to reflect on. We ask the same questions of each finalist.

- Tell us about your school. What do you like? What would you add or change?
- What grades were you in when you completed online schooling during the Covid-19 pandemic?
- What is your favorite subject? Why?
- What subject do you find most challenging? How do you approach that challenge?
- Do you receive homework? If yes, how much time do you spend on homework?
- What do you currently do after school; and on the weekends? What's a highlight of one of the activities in which you participate?
- What after-school or summer programs have you participated in, in the past? What is one highlight of one program in which you participated?
- Do you volunteer at your school or in your community? Do you work? Chores at home?
- Who do you go to for academic support? Who do you go to for personal support?
- What is your favorite tradition or activity to take part in with your family? What's your favorite activity to take part in with your friends?
- What do your friends think about you applying to and attending (MS)²?
- Have you ever been away from home before? How do you feel about being away for 5 weeks? What do you think you will miss most about home?
- Tell me about the biggest change you've had to deal with and how you adapted to it.
- How do you stay motivated when things aren't going your way?
- What other programs or activities are you interested in for this coming summer (e.g., camp, job, (MS)², City work program, SquaredxKent)? (If there is no opportunity, what kind of program/activity do they wish their community had?)
- What would you like to study in college? Where would you like to go to college?
- What would you like to do after college?
- Do you have any questions for me? Is there anything else you would like to add?