



# International Academy of Flint

Member of the SABIS® School Network

The **International Academy of Flint (IAF)** has been providing top-quality, college-preparatory education as a member of the SABIS® School Network for the past ten years. Located in Flint, Michigan, the U.S. public charter school currently enrolls close to 1100 students in Kindergarten through the twelfth grade and has been accumulating national and state recognition for its efforts.



For two consecutive years 2008-2009, the **International Academy of Flint (IAF)** has been the recipient of a bronze medal in the ranking of *America's Best High Schools* by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The ranking was the outcome of an analysis of 18,790 high schools in 2008 and 21,069 high schools in 2009 and was put in place by School Evaluation Services, a K-12 data research and analysis business run by the Standard & Poor's. The analysis was intended to answer the pivotal question: "Which high schools are the most likely to succeed?"

High schools in 40 US states went through a three-step analysis: 1) measuring how each school's students performed on state tests, adjusting for student circumstances, 2) evaluating how well each school's disadvantaged students did, and 3) looking at whether the school was successful in providing college-level coursework.

In the 2008 ranking, **IAF** was one of only two high schools in Genesee County, Michigan, to receive this designation, and one of 752 public high schools to receive the award in Michigan. In the 2009 ranking **IAF** was the only high school in Genesee County to receive the award, and it joined the top 10% of the state's high schools.

At the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Charter Schools Conference in Detroit, Michigan, USA, on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, **IAF** was named as the recipient of the "2008 Charter School of Excellence" by the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA).

Founded in 1999, MAPSA's annual Charter School of Excellence award recognizes outstanding schools that help students make significant academic and personal progress. Nominated schools undergo a three-step evaluation process which includes phone interviews and a site visit. The winning school is chosen based on strong academic initiatives, proof of achievement, and practices that have either been adopted by or have prompted improvement in other schools.



In accepting the award on behalf of the school, Mrs. Traci Cormier, **IAF** Director, commented: "Our students, teachers and staff are excited about the recognition of the school's achievement from MAPSA. We are extremely proud of our students and school. Through the implementation of the SABIS® Educational System, we have been successful in closing the achievement gap, reaching and maintaining high academic standards, and getting 100% of our graduates accepted into college."

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