

** Two SABIS® Schools Ranked among Best U.S. High Schools **



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Two SABIS® public charter schools recently received bronze medal rankings in the *U.S. News and World Report's* "Best High Schools Ranking" for 2012. The **SABIS® International Charter School (SICS)** in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the **International Academy of Flint (IAF)**, located in Flint, Michigan, were the schools to receive this esteemed recognition.

The rating was the outcome of a three-step process designed to assess schools' success in serving each and every student and producing "measurable academic outcomes." The calculation, done in coordination with D.C.-based American Institutes for Research, took into account student performance on state exit exams as a measure of success. The calculation also considered performance on internationally available exams on college-level coursework (AP®/IB Exams) as a measure of "college readiness performance." Data from nearly 22,000 public schools was collected and included in the 2012 edition. *U.S. News* awarded more than 4,850 gold, silver, and bronze medals to the top-performing schools in the U.S.

In Michigan, **IAF** was one of 149 schools to receive a bronze medal, which places the school in the top 25% of the state's high schools. Only 11 charter schools in Michigan earned medals: 1 earned gold and 10 received a bronze ranking including **IAF**, placing the school as one of Michigan's top charter schools. **IAF** was founded in 1999 and currently enrolls 1,180 students in grades K-12, 80% of which are minority and 82% are economically disadvantaged.

Commenting on the school's latest accolade, IAF School Director, Ms. Traci Cormier said, "*We are pleased that IAF has continued to be ranked among the top high schools in the US and honored to have the efforts of our students and staff recognized. We are committed to continuing to strive for excellence and look forward to continuing to do our best to position our students for success.*"

In Massachusetts, there are currently a total of 351 high schools. Eighty-seven (87) of these were singled out in the *U.S. News* rankings. Among the 31 charter high schools in Massachusetts, 2 earned gold, 2 silver and 9 a bronze ranking. **SICS's** bronze medal places it in the top 25% of the state's high schools. Additionally, **SICS** is the largest charter school in Massachusetts with 1,574 in grades K-12 and outperforms the State of Massachusetts in English (96% proficient) and math (95% proficient).

Upon learning the news of the latest ranking, SICS School Director, Ms. Karen Reuter, remarked, "*We are very proud to place among the nation's best schools. It is an acknowledgement that we are fulfilling our mission of providing a top quality education on a non-selective basis to students in Springfield, MA.*"

SICS and **IAF** are K-12 schools that implement the proven SABIS® Educational System and are members of the global **SABIS® School Network**, educating thousands of students in 15 countries on four continents.

For more information about SICS, IAF, or SABIS®, visit www.sics-sabis.net, www.iaf-sabis.net or www.sabis.net respectively.

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