



## **\*\* Two SABIS® Schools Recognized Among Best in the Nation AGAIN \*\***

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The recently-released *US News & World Report* "2010 Best High Schools in America" once again placed two SABIS® public charter schools among the nation's top 10% of high schools. The **SABIS® International Charter School (SICS)** in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the **International Academy of Flint (IAF)**, located in Flint, Michigan, were two schools out of 21,000 public high schools in 48 states and the District of Columbia to earn the recognition.

To generate the rating, thorough analysis was conducted by the magazine in cooperation with School Evaluation Services. The public high schools covered by the analysis were evaluated for their ability to serve all students well, not just those who are bound for college, and to produce measurable academic outcomes. Both **SICS** and **IAF** successfully met the evaluation criteria as they have been consistently out-performing their local district schools at almost every grade level and sending 100% of their graduates to college.

For the second year running, **SICS** received a 'silver medal' ranking. This ranking places **SICS** in the top 2.5% of all schools included in the study and in the top 6% of schools in Massachusetts, the state with the second highest number of schools recognized in the report. *"SICS is truly an outstanding school by all measurable and intrinsic values. Our school represents a diverse student body that demonstrates that income, race, and culture are no obstacle to academic achievement when combined with the SABIS® Educational System,"* said Karen Reuter, Director SABIS® International Charter School in Springfield, Massachusetts.

For **IAF**, the 2010 "bronze medal" ranking comes on the heels of its placement on the list in both 2008 and 2009. IAF Board President, Mr. Carl Conner, congratulated the school administration and staff on the recognition: *"[This is] more good news showing how good people can use the SABIS® Educational System to produce good results."* Traci Cormier, IAF Director, concurred: *"We are very proud that IAF continues to be recognized as a leader in education."* **IAF** was the only school in Genesee County to earn a medal.

**SICS** and **IAF** are K-12 schools that are part of the global **SABIS® School Network**, which operates schools in 15 countries and serves over 56,000 students.

*"Both of these schools have made academic achievement at the national level a trend for their students. We congratulate our students and staff for their outstanding accomplishments and for earning such recognition year after year,"* said George Saad, Vice President of Operations for SABIS® Educational Systems, Inc., based in Eden Prairie, MN.

For more information about SICS, IAF, or SABIS®, visit [www.sics-sabis.net](http://www.sics-sabis.net), [www.iaf-sabis.net](http://www.iaf-sabis.net), or [www.sabis.net](http://www.sabis.net).

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