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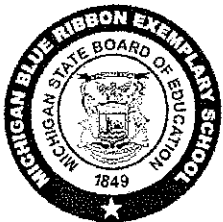
Dear Parents of Eighth Grade Students,

The Waterford School District Board of Education approved our participation in The International Academy consortium. The International Academy is a public, tuition-free high school for students living in Oakland County School Districts that are part of the consortium. The International Academy has two campuses: the original International Academy in Bloomfield Hills and the International Academy-West located on the campus of Lakeland High School in White Lake. Beginning with the 9th grade class for 2008, Waterford students are enrolled at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

The International Academy provides a unique blend of rigorous academic standards and practical, career-related learning throughout the school year. It features the world renowned International Baccalaureate as the centerpiece of the curriculum. The International Baccalaureate curriculum serves as the cornerstone of the Academy's demanding academic program. The IB program is an integrated liberal arts course of study requiring the following: classes and assessment in six subject areas; an extended essay (4,000 words of independent research); a Theory of Knowledge course; and a minimum of 150 hours of participation in co-curricular/community service activities. The IB curriculum requires students to select courses from six disciplines. The disciplines are: Native language; Second language; Individuals and Society; Mathematics; Experimental Sciences, and the Arts or Electives.

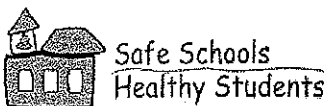
The Waterford School District may enroll five (5) 9th grade students per year in the International Academy program. Students must apply for enrollment by January 18, 2012 and will be required to take a placement and diagnostic exam which includes mathematics and a personal essay and is proctored by International Academy personnel. Students must be residents of the Waterford School District to apply and must have taken Algebra I or an equivalent math class in 8th grade. In addition, students must pass the mathematics test to attend the International Academy. If more than five applications are submitted from Waterford students, we will hold a lottery on February 9, 2012, 7:30 a.m. at the Crary Campus. Parents and their student are invited and encouraged to attend, and applicants will be notified if a lottery is necessary.

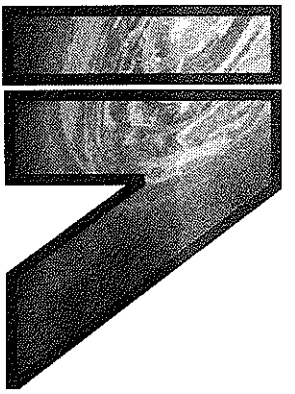
Printable application forms for the International Academy – Bloomfield Hills 9th grade class of 2012/13 are available online at www.iatoday.org. Applications will be accepted until January 18, 2012. Completed application form, recommendation letters and application fee of \$20.00 should be submitted to International Academy, 1020 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Information on the International Academy can also be found at <http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us>. For additional questions, please contact the International Academy at 248-341-5900 or the Secondary Education Office of the Waterford School District at 248-706-4866.



Sincerely,

Joshua O. Wenning, Supervisor
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A World of Learning

The International Academy is a public, tuition-free, high school of choice for students of 15 Oakland County school districts collaborating in consortium with university and business partners. Commencing with ninth grade, it provides a unique blend of rigorous academic standards and practical, career-related education throughout the 190-day school year.

Featuring the world-recognized International Baccalaureate as the centerpiece of its curriculum, it concentrates on preparing students for success past secondary education and the world beyond.

Program Features:

- Supportive & collaborative climate
- Increased second language instruction
- Self-directed product teams
- Enrichment weeks
- Career internships & mentorships
- Technology rich environment
- Community service & co-curricular requirements
- Graduate assistants as teacher aides
- Supportive & collaborative climate

PLEASE JOIN US

IA OKMA CAMPUS 2012-2013 9TH GRADE STUDENT AND PARENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

SESSIONS HELD AT THE
IA OKMA CAMPUS 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
1020 E. SQUARE LAKE ROAD
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304
(ATTEND THE MEETING MOST CONVENIENT FOR YOU)

Berkeley Rochester Avondale	Tuesday, January 3, 2012
West Bloomfield Pontiac Clawson	Thursday, January 5, 2012
Birmingham Bloomfield Hills Oxford	Monday, January 9, 2012
Lake Orion Royal Oak Waterford	Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Evening Agenda

- Opening & Information—Lynne Gibson, Principal
- Teacher Presentations
- Breakout sessions for students to meet with current IA students
- Question and answer period

MANDATORY PLACEMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Attend either time. No reservation necessary

Tuesday, February 28, 4-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 29, 6-8:30p.m.
Location: IA Okma Campus

Due to the high volume of applications we receive, only those students whose names were selected in the lottery plus the first 20 on the wait list will need to test on one of these dates.

Placement and Diagnostic Tests:

- Designed to help make an informed choice and place students in the appropriate level of math.
- Test includes mathematics--demonstration of algebraic skills required.
- (Students must pass the mathematics test to attend the IA.)
- Test also includes a personal essay and literacy analysis.

General Info:

- Acceptance is based on both academic records and placement test results.
- Completion of Algebra 1, or equivalent, is necessary prior to admission.

Notification:

- Test results will be posted at the [iaatoday.org](http://www.iaatoday.org) website approximately two weeks after test.

APPLICATION DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

- Applications submitted on-line at our website: <http://www.iaatoday.org>
- An application fee of \$20.00 is required.
- If applicable—a lottery will be held by your home district in early February. Dates will be posted when available. (You may attend the lottery in your home school district.)
- All candidates will be notified by their home district following the lottery.
- For more information, call (248) 341-5900

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OKMA CAMPUS
PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS
2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

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| Avondale | Oxford |
| Berkeley | Pontiac |
| Birmingham | Rochester |
| Bloomfield Hills | Royal Oak |
| Clawson | Waterford |
| Lake Orion | West Bloomfield |

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS
AT A GLANCE**

1. Visit www.iatoday.org to familiarize yourself with the International Academy
2. Submit your application on-line.
3. Print submitted on-line application and mail fee and supporting documents to IA.
4. Attend an IA Okma Campus enrollment session.
5. Attend the lottery selection in your home district and receive lottery number.
6. Take the "Mandatory Placement and Diagnostic Testing" after the lottery selections.

VISIT US ONLINE!

WWW.IATODAY.ORG
TO SEE UP TO DATE INFORMATION

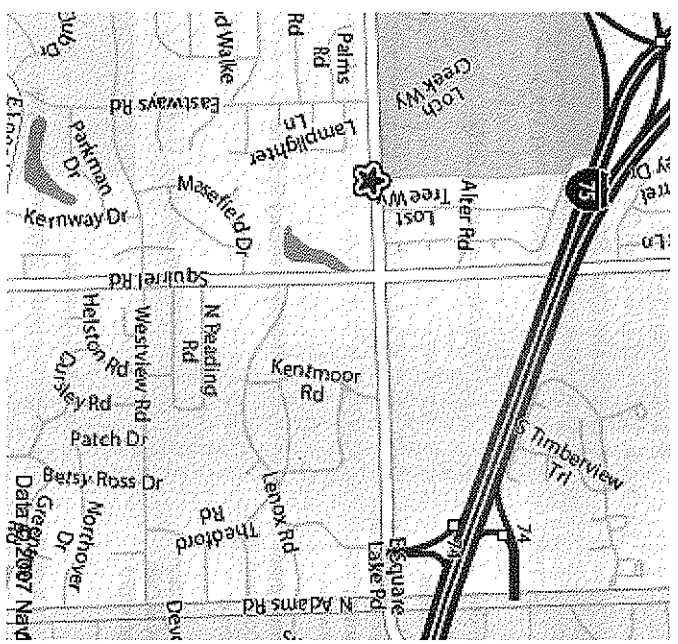


High levels of support when matched
with high expectations will
produce unparalleled achievement.

PARENT & STUDENT MEETINGS

Enrollment meetings will take place at:

*International Academy
Okma Campus*

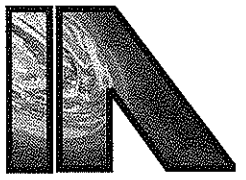


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The International Academy community, through the International Baccalaureate program, instills cultural appreciation and global citizenship while promoting personal development and a passion for learning.

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