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November 1, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Eighth Grade Students,

The International Academy is a public tuition-free high school for students living in Oakland County School Districts. As the Waterford School District Board of Education approved our participation in the International Academy consortium, students from the Waterford School District are eligible to apply to attend the International Academy for high school during their eighth grade year. The International Academy has three campuses. Waterford students are enrolled at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

The Waterford School District may enroll fifteen (15) incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students per year in the International Academy program. To qualify, students must:

- Be a resident or currently enrolled in the Waterford School District.
- Submit an International Academy application.
- Successfully complete International Academy Placement Testing.

If you are not currently enrolled in the Waterford School District, you must fill out an enrollment packet and provide residency documentation at the Central Enrollment office located at 501 N. Cass Lake Road. Central Enrollment's contact number is 248-681-2076.

Printable application forms for the Bloomfield Hills International Academy for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2018/19 are available online at [www.iatoday.org](http://www.iatoday.org). The completed application form, recommendation letters and an 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 [www.waterford.k12.mi.us](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us).

Students will be required to take a placement and diagnostic exam. These exams, mathematics and personal essay, are proctored by International Academy personnel. Students must pass the mathematics test to attend the International Academy; therefore, it is recommended that the applying 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have taken Algebra I or an equivalent math class in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**The Waterford School District enrollment packet, proofs of residency and International Academy applications will be accepted until Monday, January 22, 2018.**

If more than fifteen applications are submitted, we will hold a lottery on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the Crary Campus. Applicants will be notified if a lottery will be necessary. Parents and their student(s) are welcome to be present, however, are not required to be in attendance to be eligible. If you have any questions about the lottery, please contact Instructional Services office at 248-706-4866.

Please contact the International Academy with additional questions at 248-341-5900.

Sincerely,

Carly Stone  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

*Inspire, educate, and empower our students for their future!*



**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY  
OKMA CAMPUS  
PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS**

Avondale	Lake Orion
Berkley	Rochester
Birmingham	Royal Oak
Bloomfield Hills	Waterford
Clawson	West Bloomfield

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

**2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

1. Visit [www.iatoday.org](http://www.iatoday.org) to familiarize yourself with the International Academy.
2. Obtain an application from the “Prospective Student” page on the [iatoday.org](http://iatoday.org) website.
3. Attend an IA Okma Enrollment Meeting.
4. Submit an online application to IA Okma, with the necessary enrollment documents.
5. Attend the lottery selection in your home district and receive lottery number. *(not required)*
6. Take the “Mandatory Placement and Diagnostic Test” after the lottery selections.

**VISIT US ONLINE!**



**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY =  
SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

# 1 IB High School in America

2nd largest IB Diploma granting high school  
in the world

# 1 in Michigan for college readiness

ACT average composite score: 30.1  
(State ACT average: 20.1)

**OUR STUDENTS SAY:**

“I love the knowledgeable and supportive teachers. They truly care about our success!”

“It’s the first time I feel inspired to work at my full capacity.  
I know I’ll be successful in college and beyond because of my education at the IA.”

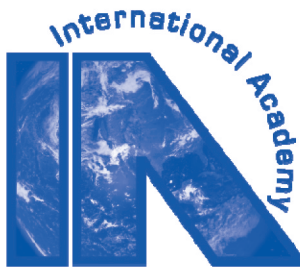
“The IA explores all facets of education within a unique and diverse learning environment. Students are challenged to think critically about our learning.”

**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.



**International Academy Okma Campus**  
1020 E. Square Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304  
Tel: 248-341-5900 Fax: 248-341-5959  
Ms. Lynne Gibson, *Principal*  
Dr. Christopher Smith, *Associate Principal*



## *A World of Learning*

The International Academy is a public, tuition-free, high school of choice for students of 10 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.

It is the policy of the International Academy that no discriminatory practices based on gender, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, or any other status covered by federal, state, or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact Lynne Gibson, principal, International Academy at [lgibson@bloomfield.org](mailto:lgibson@bloomfield.org) or (248) 341-5900.

### **Program Features**

- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program and Diploma Program curriculum
- Supportive & collaborative climate
- Increased language acquisition instruction
- Enrichment opportunities
- Career internships & mentorships
- Service Learning throughout the four year program
- Graduate assistants as teacher facilitators

## PLEASE JOIN US

### **IA OKMA CAMPUS 2018-2019 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)

**Monday, November 20, 2017  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
Thursday, January 18, 2018**

### AGENDA

- Opening & Presentation by:  
Ms. Lynne Gibson, Principal  
Dr. Christopher Smith, Associate Principal  
Ms. Sarah Fairman, IB Coordinator
- Breakout sessions for prospective students to meet with current IA students
- Question and answer period

### **MANDATORY PLACEMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**

*Attend either time. No reservation necessary*

*Tuesday, February 13 - 4:00-6:30 p.m.*

*Thursday, February 15 - 6:00-8:30 p.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 30 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 8th grade common core skills required.
- Test also includes a personal essay and literary analysis.
- Testing accommodations for students with disabilities are provided as specified in the IEP or 504 Plan.
- Students with disabilities are welcome to apply. IA will ensure, in collaboration with the resident district, that students with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) while attending the IA and are provided all regular or special education and related aids and services set forth in the student's IEP or Section 504 Plan.

### **APPLICATION DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018**

- Applications submitted on-line at our website: <http://www.iatoday.org>  
Click on About the IA  
Click on Prospective Students to find the link to Okma Campus application
- 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.