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IAF Earns 2008 Bronze Medal in Ranking of America's Best High Schools

Year after year, the **International Academy of Flint** has been piling up accomplishments. In 2006-07, IAF's state MEAP test results earned the school recognition for high achievement and placed it in the top 20 among 229 Michigan charters statewide. This year too, IAF has earned distinction - a bronze medal in the first ever ranking of *America's Best High Schools* as cited in a recent *U.S. News and World Report*.

The ranking was the outcome of an analysis of 18,790 high schools 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. The 100 schools that did the best in this analysis earned gold medals. The next 405 schools were awarded silver medals, and an additional 1,086 schools earned bronze medals. 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.

The **International Academy of Flint** opened in the fall of 1999 and overcame many challenges to provide quality education in the Flint community. Over the years, student enrollment increased significantly and currently stands at 925 students in kindergarten through grade 12. As a member of the SABIS[®] School Network, IAF provides a top-quality international education on a non-selective basis to children of different races, religions, nationalities and backgrounds. For the past four years, IAF has graduated 100% of its seniors and 100% have gone to college.

This medal demonstrates that IAF students are attaining excellence in learning and is reflective of the ongoing academic success of the SABIS[®] Educational System (www.sabis.net).

For information about the Standard and Poor's study, visit *US News and World Report* at: <http://www.usnews.com/sections/education/high-schools/>.

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