



**** SABIS® U.S. Charter Schools Achieve AYP ****

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Six SABIS® public charter schools in the U.S. are celebrating the accomplishment of having achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2008-2009 academic year. AYP is an individual state's measure of progress toward the goal of 100 percent of students achieving to state academic standards in at least reading/language arts and math. It sets the minimum level of proficiency that the state, its school districts, and schools must achieve on annual tests and related academic indicators.

The SABIS® schools that met AYP include:

- SABIS® International Charter School - Springfield, MA, offering grades KG - 12
- Holyoke Community Charter School - Holyoke, MA, offering grades KG - 8
- International Academy of Flint - Flint, MI, offering grades KG - 12
- International Academy of Saginaw - Saginaw, MI, offering grades KG - 5
- Milestone SABIS® Academy of New Orleans - New Orleans, LA, offering grades KG - 8
- SABIS® International School - Phoenix, AZ, offering grades KG - 8

George Saad, SABIS® Vice President - Operations, commended the efforts deployed by SABIS® schools to earn this distinction. *"We are pleased that all of our eligible charter schools met AYP. Our entire team of stakeholders continues to work very hard to achieve the highest academic standards and to deliver year after year on our mission and our promise,"* he said.

The AYP distinctions capped a year of unprecedented recognition for SABIS® charter schools. Two SABIS® schools, SABIS® International Charter School (SICS) in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the International Academy of Flint (IAF), in Flint, Michigan, finished among the top 3% and 10%, respectively, of the Best High Schools in the nation as defined by *U.S. News and World Report*. In addition, results on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) showed SICS to have effectively closed the achievement gap within the subsections of ethnicity and income.

These achievements come as a result of hard work and dedication. *"The entire staff at IAF is proud to have met AYP again,"* commented Traci Cormier, Director at IAF, whose students recorded their third consecutive year of meeting AYP. *"We are happy to add this to our list of accomplishments and will continue our efforts to ensure that our students are achieving their full potential."*

Established in 1886, the SABIS® School Network currently includes 75 schools that span 15 countries on four continents and educate close to 56,000 students worldwide. The SABIS® Educational System prepares all students for admission to college, fosters a lifelong interest in learning, develops responsible world-class citizens, and blends quality education with traditional values of hard work and responsibility for self and others.

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