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## \*\* International Academy of Flint Ranks in Top 10 in Michigan Charter Schools \*\*

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The **International Academy of Flint (IAF)**, a member of the global SABIS® Network, recently added a new achievement to its long list of recognitions with its ranking as the 8th best charter school in the state of Michigan. The 8th place ranking, assigned by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a leading research and educational institute in Michigan, was published in the **2014 Michigan Public High School Context and Performance Report Card**.

Though several school report cards and rankings are produced each year to evaluate schools in Michigan, most of these assessments do not take into account student socioeconomic background and demographics, which research has shown has a large impact on student achievement. The Mackinac Center for Public Policy study attempts to level the playing field among the schools operating in the state by adjusting for various factors. This facilitates a fairer comparison of schools operating in diverse communities and allows students and schools in challenging circumstances to receive credit for their achievements.

*“The Board is proud of the recognition earned by IAF staff, students, and parents. We are honored by the distinction from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, and speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, we will continue to strive to fulfill our goal of high academic standards and expectations for our students,”* stated Diane Thompson, President, IAF Board of Directors.

In addition to ranking the school among the best charter schools in the state, the Mackinac Center report also ranked IAF in the context of all public high schools – charter and district schools as well as public schools that implement selective admissions policies. Among the 659 high schools in the state, IAF was ranked 22nd, placing it in the top 3% of all high schools in the study.



*98% of the IAF Class of 2014 (pictured above) is pursuing higher education*

*“I am extremely proud of the staff and students at IAF for being recognized for their hard work and dedication to academic excellence. I am honored to not only work with but to lead such an amazing group of staff and students who continue to raise the bar for student achievement,”* said Ms. Kendra Giles, School Director at IAF.

Since it was established in 1999, IAF has been recognized regularly for its students’ performance and places perennially among the best high schools in the nation. For more information about IAF, visit [iaf.sabis.net](http://iaf.sabis.net). For more information about SABIS®, visit [sabis.net](http://sabis.net). To review the full study released by The Mackinac Center for Public Policy, [click here](#).

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