



What is the International Academy of Macomb?

The International Academy of Macomb (IAM) is a public, tuition-free, high school for students from Macomb County Districts. IA Macomb provides a unique blend of rigorous academic standards, practical career-related experiences, and intercultural learning opportunities focused on a very challenging and engaging curriculum. The Academy features the world-renowned International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme as the centerpiece of the 11th and 12th grade curriculum.

IA Macomb is located on the campus of Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township and accepts 140 9th grade students each year. The school will reach a capacity of 500 students by fall 2011, with the first graduating class in 2012.

What is an International Baccalaureate (IB)?

The IB is a demanding curriculum leading to a high school diploma that is respected and accepted internationally. The IB curriculum is focused in six areas – math, science, world literature, world history, a second language, and a final subject of the student’s choice. The IB Diploma, along with intensive language instruction and cross-cultural training, are intended to facilitate international understanding and competency. These learning experiences provide students with the intellectual, social and critical perspectives necessary to succeed in highly competitive learning and work environments. To earn an IB Diploma, at the conclusion of their senior year students take a test in each subject area. Depending on these scores, students may also be eligible for college credits.

To learn more about IB, visit www.ibo.org.

How did the International Academy of Macomb attain the authorization as an IB World School?

To offer the Diploma Programme, a school must first be authorized by the International Baccalaureate, a challenging but rewarding process that often takes two years. The applicant schools must be willing to share the mission and commitment of the IB to quality international education, play an active and supporting role in the worldwide community of IB schools, share their knowledge and experience in the development of the IB programmes and commit to the professional development of teachers.

The International Academy of Macomb is officially designated as an IB World School, having received its International Baccalaureate authorization in December 2009. The IB Diploma Programme began in August 2010 with the IAM’s first 11th grade class.

Who is eligible to attend the International Academy of Macomb?

Successful, college-bound students with a sincere desire for an academically challenging and international education who meet the following criteria:

1. Will be entering 9th grade in the fall and are registered in one of these Macomb County districts prior to attending the Academy.

The participating district:

Anchor Bay	Fitzgerald	New Haven	Van Dyke
Center Line	Fraser	Richmond	Warren Consolidated
Chippewa Valley	Lake Shore	Romeo	Warren Woods
Clintondale	Lakeview	Roseville	
East Detroit	L'Anse Creuse	South Lake	

2. Are presently enrolled in Algebra I or have earned Algebra I credit to satisfy Michigan's high school graduation requirement.
3. Have demonstrated **competency** on a placement test that covers math, English usage and writing.
4. Have submitted an application packet to the IA Macomb including: an application form with \$25 processing fee, a Principal/Counselor recommendation form, a copy of the student's current report card, and a copy of the most recent standardized test results.

Applications for the IA Macomb 9th grade class (Class of 2016) will be accepted until February 3, 2012.

If a student is not currently enrolled in one of the participating districts (attending a private, parochial, charter or home schooled), when should he/she register with his/her home district?

The International Academy of Macomb will consider all students residing in the participating districts regardless of where they are currently enrolled. However, students must be registered in their home districts before the start of the next school year.

What about international students?

International student enrollments will be considered on an individual basis. International students must still demonstrate competency on the placement tests and qualify as an international student.

- The student must have been in the U.S. for two years or less to qualify as an international student.
- International students should arrange for a meeting with the IAM principal to determine eligibility and space availability.
- Although policies vary by country, state and university, in general, an IB diploma is accepted in lieu of other required national exams. IB schools generally accept transfers from other IB schools.

Will the IA of Macomb be a school of choice?

No. To be considered, a student must be registered in one of the participating districts prior to attending the Academy.

Is there a cost to attend?

While there is no tuition, there is a \$25 processing fee to be paid at the time of application, and a \$150 technology fee to be paid when the student is accepted. No student, however, will be denied admission due to inability to pay.

Is transportation provided?

A student's transportation to the IAM will not provide an obstacle to attendance. Arrangements will be made for students who need transportation. Additionally, parents can arrange car pools, and student parking is available for those students with licenses.

Will extracurricular activities be available to IA Macomb students?

Students wishing to participate in athletics will continue to do so in their home districts. Many extracurricular activities other than athletics will be offered.

What is the timeline for IA Macomb for the 2012-2013 school year?

January 10-12, 2012 Informational meetings for students and parents.

Note: All meetings are scheduled for **7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and are held at the IAM.**

Tuesday, January 10

Wednesday, January 11

Thursday, January 12

February 3, 2012 – Application deadline

February 29 or March 3, 2012 – Mandatory student admission testing (no fee)

Testing is at the IA Macomb, 42755 Romeo Plank, Clinton Twp. at these times:

Wednesday, February 29, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

March 2012 –Local districts conduct admission lottery as needed

April 2012 – Students receive notification of acceptance

June 2012 – “Welcome to IA Macomb!” Ice Cream Social at the MISD

Second week of August 2012 – Staff reports

August 13, 2012 – First day for students

June 14, 2013 – Last day for students

Questions?

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