



What is the International Academy of Macomb?

The International Academy of Macomb (IAM) is a public, tuition-free, high school for students from 18 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. IAM will annually accept 125 9th grade students. A 9th grade class will be added each year to reach a capacity of 500 students by 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 the scores, the students may also be eligible for college credits.

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

How does the International Academy of Macomb become an IB school?

To offer the Diploma Programme, a school must first be authorized by the International Baccalaureate, which is a very challenging but rewarding process that can often take 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 well on its way to being authorized as an IB school, having been awarded Candidate Status in October 2008. The staff of the IAM is now in the process of completing Application Form Part B, which is the application for authorization, and will receive its authorization visit in Fall 2009. The Diploma Programme will begin with 11th graders in August 2010.

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 the 18 participating districts prior to attending the Academy.

The 18 participating districts:

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 2013) will be accepted until February 27, 2009.**

If a student is not currently enrolled in one of the 18 participating districts (attending a private, parochial, charter or home school), when should he/she register with his/her home district?

The International Academy of Macomb will consider all students residing in the 18 participating districts regardless of where they are currently enrolled.

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 will be 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. Some extracurricular activities other than athletics will be offered.

What is the timeline for IA Macomb for the 2009-2010 school year?

January 20 – 26, 2009 Informational meetings for students and parents.

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

Tue Jan 20

Thu Jan 22

Mon Jan 26

February 27, 2009 – Application deadline

March 18 or March 21, 2009 – Mandatory student admission testing (no fee)

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

at these times: Wednesday, March 18, 4:30-7 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 9-11:30 a.m.

April 2009 –Local districts conduct admission lottery as needed

May 2009 – Students receive notification of acceptance

June 2009 – “Welcome to IA Macomb!” Open House

Second week of August 2009 – Staff reports

August 12, 2009 – First day for students

June 17, 2010 – Last day for students

Questions?

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