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****Two SABIS® Schools Recognized among the Best High Schools in the Nation****

Two SABIS® public, charter schools were recently ranked among the nation's top 10% of high schools in *US News & World Report*. The **SABIS® International Charter School (SICS)** in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the **International Academy of Flint (IAF)**, located in Flint, Michigan, were included among the "2009 Best High Schools in America".

The rating was the outcome of thorough analysis conducted by School Evaluation Services, a K-12 business run by Standard & Poor's, and encompassed more than 21,000 public high schools in 48 states. Both **SICS** and **IAF**, schools that consistently out-perform their local district schools at almost every grade level and send 100% of their graduates to college, met the evaluation criteria which included serving all students well, not just those who are bound for college, and being able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show that the school is successfully educating its student body."

SICS received a 'silver medal' ranking and is one of only three charter schools in Massachusetts to receive a ranking of this level. This ranking places **SICS** as a member of a select group of top charter schools in the nation, as only 28 charter schools in the US earned a gold or silver rating.

For **IAF**, the 2009 ranking comes on the heels of its placement on the "2008 Best High Schools in America" list. The school received their second consecutive "bronze medal" and was the only high school in Genesee County, Michigan, recognized with this level of distinction. Additionally, **IAF** was one of only five charter schools in Michigan to earn a medal.

SICS and **IAF** are K-12 schools that are part of the global **SABIS® School Network**, which operates schools in 15 countries and serves 47,000 students.

"We are extremely proud of our students and schools. Through the implementation of the SABIS® Educational System, we have been successful in closing the achievement gap, reaching and maintaining high academic standards, and graduating 100% of our students in both schools," said Carl Bistany, President of SABIS® Educational Systems, Inc. based in Eden Prairie, MN.

For more information about SICS, IAF, or SABIS®, visit www.sics-sabis.net, www.iaf-sabis.net or www.sabis.net.

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