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The International Academy of Flint (IAF) has landed *once again* on the list of top ten charter schools in the state of Michigan. The ranking — recently published by *Bridge Magazine*, an online regional magazine, and Public Sector Consultants, a Michigan-based research and program management firm — places IAF as the fourth best charter school in the state.

In order to recognize schools attempting to overcome the socio-economic challenges of today, *Bridge Magazine* and Public Sector Consultants designed a formula that could compare student proficiency on standardized tests at the school district level, across grades, and over time, relative to socio-economic status.

This is not the first time IAF has been recognized for its students' academic performance. In 2012, IAF was rated as the best performing charter in the county as well as the only charter school to score above the state average according to Michigan's Department of Education rankings. In 2013, IAF ranked number 6 in top value-added large city schools, number 5 in top value-added charter schools, and number 7 in top-value added low income schools according to *Bridge*.

Landing on *Bridge's* top 10 list for a second year running is a major achievement for IAF and an exceptional recognition of its efforts in defying the odds. Despite operating in one of the most challenging communities in Michigan, IAF continues to close the achievement gap and place every student on the path to college.

"Being recognized as the fourth best charter school in the state is a huge achievement for us and a great recognition of what every student and every member of staff does every day to beat the odds," commented IAF Director, Ms. Kendra Giles. *"But we will not be resting on our laurels. We will continue to evaluate our present performance and find ways to improve and move forward."*

A member of the global SABIS® School Network, IAF is a K-12 charter school that was established in 1999. Like all SABIS® member schools, IAF implements the SABIS® Educational System, providing its students with a solid academic foundation that closes the achievement gap and prepares them for success in university and beyond.

For more information on IAF or SABIS®, visit www.iaf-sabis.net or www.sabis.net. To read more about the *Bridge Magazine* ranking, visit <http://bit.ly/19YzLlw>.

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