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## \*\* ISM Ranked Among America's Most Challenging Schools\*\*

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**The International School of Minnesota (ISM)**, a member of the global SABIS® School Network, recently ranked 2nd in Minnesota on *The Washington Post's* list of "America's Most Challenging Schools."

The Challenge Index identifies the schools that are working the hardest at challenging average students with advanced courses and have placed an obvious focus on academic success for all students. All qualifying schools are included on the list, which has grown considerably in the last year. To determine qualification for the list, *The Washington Post* uses a formula which divides the total number of Advanced Placement® (AP®), International Baccalaureate, and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school by the number of seniors who graduate in May or June of that academic year.

This is the second consecutive year that ISM has been included among America's most challenging schools. In fact this year, no other private school in Minnesota was included on the list.

*"ISM students consistently perform outstandingly on external exams. This is a great testimony to the strength of the SABIS® Educational System, which helps students achieve their full potential and empowers students to take an active role in their education,"* stated Ms. Christi Seiple-Cole, ISM School Director.

ISM results speak for themselves:

- ISM students take an average of 7 AP® courses before they graduate
- In 2013, 85% of ISM students taking AP® courses scored a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP® exams
- ISM students scored 27% higher than the national average on AP® exams in 2013
- 100% of ISM graduates attend a 4-year college or university

To be able to bring its high-quality education to a broader audience, ISM has added a new, state-of-the-art residential student facility to its campus. Students in grades 9 to 12 are eligible for the boarding program at the school. For more information about the boarding program at ISM, visit: [ism-sabis.net/boarding-school/Boarding](http://ism-sabis.net/boarding-school/Boarding) or call +1 952 918 1840.

To view The Washington Post Challenge Index listing for ISM, visit <http://wapo.st/1fBD2Ky>.

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