

## **Does the IA have Information Sessions for parents and students to ask questions?**

IA-Okma offers three evenings sessions for parents and students prior to the application deadline. Dates are posted on the website.

## **How do I apply to be in the lottery for the International Academy?**

The application for the next school year will open on November 1. It will be available on the [www.iatoday.org](http://www.iatoday.org) website under "Prospective Students". Below find some basic information about applying to the International Academy-Okma Campus (IA-Okma) in Bloomfield Hills.

- Students apply during their 8th grade year.
- Families must be established residents or currently attend as a School of Choice student by the application deadline in one of the Consortium Districts:
  - Avondale
  - Berkley
  - Birmingham
  - Bloomfield Hills
  - Clawson
  - Lake Orion
  - Rochester
  - Royal Oak
  - Waterford
  - West Bloomfield
- Families must submit an application form electronically by the deadline. Families will be asked to upload the most current 8th grade report card and most recent standardized test results. The name and email of the person submitting a recommendation will also be required.
- Pay the application fee of \$20 through Community Pass.

## **When are the lottery dates for student selection?**

The lottery dates will be posted when the IA receives them from the respective districts. The dates are always in the beginning of February about two weeks after the application deadline.

## **How does the lottery work?**

After the IA has received all the applications, we submit a database to each district. The respective district then holds a public lottery. Every student that submitted an

application will receive a number after his/her name is drawn.

### **Which students take the entrance exam to qualify for attendance?**

The students that are selected in the lottery take the mandatory placement assessment at the first week of March. The IA tests only the selected students and the first 20 on the waitlist. Example: If a district has 10 seats, the IA will test student numbers 1-30 from the lottery. Testing accommodations for students with disabilities are provided as specified in the IEP or 504 Plan. If you need testing accommodations please indicate this on the application. ***Students that do not take the placement test will be removed from the lottery list or waitlist.***

### **How many opportunities does the student have to qualify for attendance?**

The IA gives three (3) opportunities: the first week of March, the end of May, and the end of July.

### **What happens to the students not selected for attendance?**

The IA maintains a waitlist and as seats become available we automatically call the next person on the list to invite them.

### **What if I am a "Continuity of Curriculum" student?**

Continuity of Curriculum students must still demonstrate competency on the placement test and qualify as a Continuity of Curriculum student. We recommend an individual meeting with IA principal, Lynne Gibson, for all Continuity of Curriculum students. IB diploma can be accepted in lieu of national exams: GCSE, Abitur of Germany, Bac. Of France. Policies vary by country, state, and university. IB schools generally accept transfers in order to assist the student.

### **What if I have a disability?**

All students, including students with disabilities are welcomed at the International Academy and may apply for admission. The International Academy will ensure, in collaboration with the students' home school district, that students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) while attending the IA and will be provided all regular or special education and related aids and services set forth in the students' IEP or Section 504 plan.

### **Is there transportation?**

No, but carpool lists are made available for parents and students to make arrangements for transportation by sharing rides.

Please feel free to contact the enrollment office 248-341-5900 if you have further questions.