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APPLICATION PACKET FOR UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



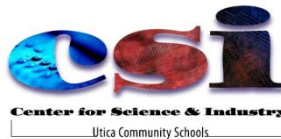
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Utica Academy for International Studies



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
DIPLOMA PROGRAM*

Utica Center for Science and Industry



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CAREER ACADEMY

The Alliance for Academic Excellence is funded by the United States Department of Education (USDE)

The Utica Academy for International Studies is a candidate school* for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. These are schools that share a common philosophy – a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that the Utica Academy for International Studies believes is important for our students.

**Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) as IB World Schools can offer any of its three academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), or the Diploma Programme. Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IBO and its programmes, visit <http://www.ibo.org>*

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1075, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, it is the policy of Utica Community Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion national origin or ancestry, sex, age, disability, height, weight or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct or attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Executive Director of Human Resources at Utica Community Schools, 11303 Greendale, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 or call (586) 797-1000

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PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS)

Eligibility: Grade 8 Students enrolled in UCS Math 8, Algebra I or higher. Students interested in Higher Level language are recommended to take at least 1 year of foreign language prior to 9th grade. Students must have a 3.0 GPA as reported by their Middle or Junior High School.

Description: The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is an internationally respected and recognized interdisciplinary curriculum that focuses on a complete liberal arts education in the foreign languages, science, math, English, social studies and the arts. This curriculum adheres to worldwide standards offering a high level of accountability and validity while offering students a rigorous course of college preparatory study. The IB Diploma is recognized by universities around the world as the premier secondary education curriculum.

The IB curricula includes the unique student challenges such as mandatory hours in Creativity, Action and Service (CAS), the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, and an extensive capstone research project, the Extended Essay. Students will choose between an array of IB Standard and Higher Level Courses in each of the core curricular areas. Students earn an IB Diploma by completing at least six examinations in their junior and senior years covering each of the subject groups and achieving 24 IB Marks including the Extended Essay and the TOK assessment. The IB testing, like Advanced Placement courses, requires a registration fee paid by the student.

Upon acceptance, applicants must be enrolled in the Utica Community Schools or live within Armada Area Schools or Mount Clemens Community Schools. Students must complete the included application forms as well as take tests in mathematics and English language arts on the designated testing days for which that student has made an appointment. Questions may be directed to:

Email: Thomas.Lietz@uticak12.org or
Christopher.Layson@uticak12.org
Phone: (586) 797-3190
Web: <http://uais.uticak12.org>

Utica Academy for International Studies
37400 Dodge Park Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48312 USA
Ph: (586) 797-3190 Email: Thomas.Lietz@uticak12.org,
Christopher.Layson@uticak12.org

Utica Center for Science and Industry (UCSI)

Eligibility: Grade 8 students enrolled in UCS Math 8, Algebra I or higher. Students must have a 2.5 GPA as reported by their Middle or Junior High School.

Description: The Center for Science and Industry is the marriage of rigorous academic content and relevant, real world application of this knowledge. UCSI will make use of its strong relationships with business, industry and post-secondary partners to provide UCSI students with the skills necessary to be successful in a global workplace. UCSI is a 9th to 12th grade program that will integrate English and math into the following three programs:

Engineering Technology: will produce highly educated men and women with strong academic, technical, problem-solving and critical thinking skills ready to pursue post secondary technical training and/or a degree program.

Mechatronics: Drawn from the words mechanical and electronics, Mechatronics students will learn how to design, build, and troubleshoot 'smart' systems and be trained for success in this fast growing field.

Multi-Media Technology: will prepare students for post-secondary training in artistic design and print technology including graphic design, video and audio production, special effects and animation.

This integrated, thematic curriculum will teach rigorous high school content expectations, assure work-based learning experience and expose students to curriculum application in the real world.

Applicants must reside in the Utica Community Schools, Armada Area Schools or Mount Clemens Community Schools. Students must complete the included application forms as well as take tests in mathematics and English language arts on the designated testing days for which that student has made an appointment. Questions may be directed to:

Email: Scott.Palmer@uticak12.org
Phone: (586) 797-6806
Web: <http://csi.uticak12.org>

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14201 Canal Road
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(586) 797-6804 Email: Scott.Palmer@uticak12.org

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR BOTH THE UCSI AND UAIS

1. All applicants must complete Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and the relevant part 5. Part 5 will vary by program. Applicants to multiple programs may copy these sections for each individual application.
 - a) Applicants to the UCSI Program must complete Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5A submitted with the appropriate recommendations.
 - b) Applicants for the UAIS program must complete parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5B submitted with the appropriate recommendations.
2. Checklist for completion of application:
 - a) Completed application
 - b) Copy of student transcripts (non-UCS only)
 - c) Required recommendation forms
 - 3 for the UAIS (see below)
 - 2 for the UCSI (see below)
3. All students are responsible to select the appropriate appointment time below. Failure to make this appointment will result in removal from the selection process. All students will have an opportunity for testing, but sessions are first come, first served, and once full, will be closed. Please identify your 1st and 2nd choice by placing a 1 or 2 next to the appropriate sessions. Should demand exceed capacity, additional dates will be added.
 - a) UAIS and UCSI testing dates are.
 - Saturday, 30 January, 2010, 9:30 am
 - Saturday, 6 February, 2010, 2 pm

** Both UCSI and UAIS testing will occur at the Instructional Resource Center, 14201 Canal Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313*

APPLICATION MAILING ADDRESS

UAIS/UCSI Applications
Alliance for Academic Excellence
14201 Canal Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

All Applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the Alliance for Academic Excellence Office **on or before January 15, 2010**. Faxed and/or electronic applications will NOT be accepted.

APPLICATION RECEIPT

An email will be sent when we receive the student application(s), if no email address is available please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with each application. Otherwise, notification will not be sent.

TRANSCRIPTS

Non-UCS applicants must submit a copy of their transcripts including the 1st semester of their 8th grade year. The transcript must be submitted with the application. UCS transcripts need not be included.

RECOMMENDATION FORMS

Utica Academy for International Studies (3 Required)

- Math or Science (1)
- English or Social Studies (1)
- Arts or Foreign Language (1)

Utica Center for Science and Industry (2 required)

- Math Teacher (1)
- English, Arts or Elective Teacher (1)

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APPLICATION

PART 1: General Information

Check off the appropriate program(s) to which you are applying. You may apply for both.

Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS) <input type="checkbox"/> International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme	Utica Center for Science and Industry (UCSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Career and Technical Education Program
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Student's Last Name _____ Student's First Name _____
 Address _____ Apt# _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____ Birth date _____
 Phone Number _____ Parent Business Number _____ Cell _____
 Parent/Guardian Email 1 _____
 Parent/Guardian Email 2 _____
 Name and address of legal parent / guardian with whom the student lives* _____

* If there is another parent or guardian with whom we should communicate, please indicate him or her

<i>Name</i> _____	<i>Phone / Email</i> _____		
<i>Street Address</i> _____	<i>City</i> _____	<i>State</i> _____	<i>ZIP Code</i> _____

Home School District: _____ School currently attending: _____

Current Cumulative Middle School/Junior High School GPA/Average Letter Grade: _____

Check relevant 7th and 8th grade math courses completed: AT8 Math 8 Geometry Alg I Alg II

Are you applying to other Alliance for Academic Excellence or Utica Community Schools programs such as:

Macomb Academy for Arts and Science Mt. Clemens High School Career Academies UCMST

If you do not live within Utica Community Schools district you must fill out the School of Choice application available in April, 2010.

If you are applying to UAIS and UCSI please select which is your first choice:

Program	First Choice	Second Choice
UAIS (IB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
UCSI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Teacher Recommendation: Please provide the names of the teachers to whom you have given recommendation request forms. These must be the applicant's current teachers.

Subject	Teacher	Course Name	Teacher Email (if not UCS)
Math/Science			
Eng. /Social Studies			
Art/Sec. Lang/ Elective			

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PART 3: Parental Information

Individual Educational Plan (IEP)/504

Parents of students currently receiving special education services or testing accommodations under Section 504 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) MUST include a copy of the applicant's plan. Accommodations must be in place at the time of testing.

Does the applicant have an IEP or Section 504 plan? Yes No

Parent Permission Statement

I certify that the information provided above is accurate and hereby submit application for my child to be considered for this high school program and give my permission for school officials to report my child's achievement and aptitude test scores when required. I understand that the teacher information and test results will be maintained in confidence by the Screening Committee and that applications will not be returned to parents. I further understand that in submitting this application I recognize that this federally funded program is an ongoing study designed to improve student achievement within our school systems. I also recognize that in submitting this application I understand that my student's academic and socio-economic information will be available to the US Department of Education for completion of this study.

The signature below confirms that I have read and understand the parent information section and have responded accurately and to the best of my knowledge.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Commitment Statement

We, the parent(s) / legal guardian(s) of _____ understand the items listed below (**only apply to UAIS Applicants*):

- All UCSI students will complete the entire four year academy program
- All AIS students must commit to completion of the full IB Diploma Programme*
- Length of the Academy of International Studies day and school year*
- Payment of International Baccalaureate testing fees in 11th and 12th grades totaling approximately \$700.00 is a parental responsibility.*
- Students MUST take the Michigan Merit Exam in their junior year
- Students must maintain good academic standing and acceptable conduct to remain in the Alliance for Academic Excellence Supported Programs.

The signature below confirms that I have read and understand the Parent Commitment Statement and understand the information presented therein and the responsibilities to me.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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PART 5A: Utica Center for Science and Industry (UCSI) Academic/Scheduling Information

COMPLETE FOR UCSI ONLY

Do you have a sibling currently attending the UCSI? Yes No

Check the UCSI program below in which you are **currently** most interested. Formal declaration of intent to enter a specific program will occur when scheduling for 10th grade courses. This interest survey does not lock you into a specific UCSI program of study. That decision will be made during scheduling for the 10th grade year.

- Engineering Technology
- Mechatronics
- Multi-Media Technology

Statement of Student Intent

Utica Center for Science and Industry Learner Profile

UCSI students are motivated learners who accept responsibility for their own education. They understand that success comes as a result of their own consistent and persistent effort. They are effective communicators who are able to independently complete individual tasks while working collaboratively with other members of a team. UCSI students are active thinkers, interested in the “why” and the “how” of things in the world around them. They use their creativity, curiosity and problem solving skills to fully develop ideas and fuel innovation. UCSI program completers will possess the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in a post-secondary educational experience.

I, _____, have read fully and understand the expectations of being a student at the Utica Center for Science and Industry as well as its honor code and will, to the best of my ability, work diligently toward the fulfillment of those expectations.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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PART 5B: Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS) Academic/Scheduling Information COMPLETE FOR UAIS ONLY

Prior IB World School Attendance Yes No Which IB School/When: _____

Select your 1st and 2nd choices for the fine arts requirement.

Arts	1 st Choice	2nd Choice
Instrumental Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theatre Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vocal Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Instrument you play if applicable:

Select your 1st and 2nd choices for the Second Language requirement.

Second Lang.	1st Choice	2nd Choice
French I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
French II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Japanese I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Japanese II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mandarin I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mandarin II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If currently enrolled in second language, list the class as it is shown on your student schedule/report card. (*Exploratory Language does not count toward a year of study*)

Statement of Student Intent

Utica Academy for International Studies Learner Profile

UAIS learners will engage in active inquiry toward becoming knowledgeable thinkers, effective communicators, principled and open-minded students and members of our society and caring citizens of the world. As learners, UAIS students will be conscientious risk-takers seeking answers where others might accept conclusions, who look for balance in all aspects of physical, emotional and academic life and are reflective of the journey on which they have embarked in life and in education.

UAIS students should demand the most rigorous of course requirements from their teachers and themselves. Students should expect to spend 2 – 3 hours on homework every night and should expect to hold themselves to the highest standards of academic excellence and personal integrity. Their teachers will expect no less. Students exiting this program should be ready to excel in a post-secondary academic environment.

I, _____, have read fully and understand the expectations of being a student at the Utica Academy for International Studies as well as its honor code, and will, to the best of my ability, work diligently and with ethical fortitude toward the fulfillment of those expectations.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PRINT

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SUBMIT

Save to desktop
and email to
shellie.kociemba
@uticak12.org

Submit via
desktop email.

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Dear Teacher,

Your recommendation is a critical consideration in the decision process as we select potential students. Please complete the recommendation with reference to the demands of this challenging program and full spectrum of students in general. Your comments are encouraged and appreciated. **Recommendations will remain confidential.**

Return the recommendation to Shellie Kociemba at the Alliance for Academic Excellence via Mail, Fax (586.797.8863), Email (Shellie.Kociemba@uticak12.org) or click the complete button by Friday, January 15, 2010.

Student Name _____ Course/s student participated in: _____

Is this student capable of working successfully in an academy program? Yes__ No __

How long have you known the applicant? _____.

Of _____ students worked with, in what percentile would you rank this student? _____

Please comment on the student's academic and personal integrity. Provide specific examples of current performance, decision making, higher-learning skills, etc, that would indicate the capacity for college preparatory work in high school.

Any additional comments that might reflect unique aspects of the candidate not otherwise defined by the questions answered or to follow. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

In comparison with other students in the candidate's grade / age group, please indicate the most appropriate descriptor for the categories listed.

- 4 – Exhibits this trait to an **exceptional degree**
- 3 – Exhibits this trait **consistently**
- 2 – Exhibits this trait **occasionally**
- 1 – Exhibits this trait **infrequently**

Categories	Rating	Comments (optional)
Intellectual ability		
Personal motivation/work ethic		
Retention of learned knowledge		
Intellectual curiosity		
Caring and considerate of others		
Quickly recognizes and understands conceptual relationships		
Sensitivity to deadlines/organization		
Collaborative ability		
Independent learner – can work independently		
Recognizes long-term goals/rewards		
Capable problem-solver		
Seeks academic challenges		
Well-rounded		
<u>Total Score</u>		52 possible

_____ (_____) _____
Person Completing this form *Telephone Number*

_____ _____
Position *Date*



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