

ALLIANCE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

14201 Canal Road
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APPLICATION PACKET FOR UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



*Utica Community Schools
11303 Greendale
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
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Utica Academy for International Studies



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE
DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Utica Center for Science and Industry



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACADEMY

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UCS ALLIANCE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE APPLICATION**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Utica Academy for International Studies (UAIS)

Eligibility: It is strongly recommended that students be enrolled in UCS Algebra I or higher at the conclusion of 8th grade. Students interested in entering at level 2 language must pass UAIS Level 1 language exams prior to enrollment. Students must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA as reported by their Middle or Junior High School as of the completion of 1st semester of 8th grade.

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 a premier secondary education curriculum. The IB curriculum includes 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 six externally evaluated examinations in their junior and senior years covering each of the subject groups, TOK and the Extended Essay to receive a minimum 24 IB Marks. The IB testing, like Advanced Placement courses, requires a registration fee paid by the student.

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

Email: Thomas.Lietz@uticak12.org or Christopher.Layson@uticak12.org

Phone: (586) 797-3100

Web: <http://uais.uticak12.org>

UCS ALLIANCE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE APPLICATION**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

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 Utica Center for Science and Industry merges rigorous academic content and relevant, real world application of this knowledge. UCSI makes use of its strong relationships with business, industry and postsecondary partners to provide UCSI students with the skills necessary to be successful in a global workplace. UCSI is a 9th to 12th grade program which integrates English and Math into the following three programs:

Engineering Technology Produces 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 learn how to design, build, and troubleshoot smart systems and be trained for success in this fast growing field.

Multi-Media Technology prepares students for post-secondary training in artistic and technical design technologies including graphic design, video and audio production, special effects and animation.

This integrated thematic curriculum teaches rigorous high school content expectations, assures work-based learning experiences, and exposes students to curriculum application in the real world.

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: Scott.Palmer@uticak12.org

Phone: (586) 797-6804

Web: <http://csi.uticak12.org>

UCS ALLIANCE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE APPLICATION**APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR BOTH THE UAIS AND UCSI**

1. All applicants must complete the pages identified as general information, academic and personal statement information, parent information, and statement of student intent. Applicants to multiple programs may copy these sections for each individual application.

2. Checklist for completion of application:

- a) Completed application
- b) Copy of student transcripts (non-UCS only)

3. All students are responsible to submit statement of student intent for the specific program for which they are applying. Failure to submit the correct letter of intent, may 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 may be added.

a) Utica Academy for International Studies assessment dates:

Saturday, January 7, 2012, 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Saturday, January 21, 2012, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

b) Utica Center for Science and Industry testing dates:

Saturday, January 7, 2012, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Saturday, January 21, 2012, 8:00 am - 11:00 am

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

UCS ALLIANCE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE APPLICATION**APPLICATION MAILING ADDRESS**

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

All Applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the Alliance for Academic Excellence Office on or before 4:00pm on December 8, 2011.

SELF-ADDRESSED APPLICATION RECEIPT

To receive a confirmation of the receipt of student application(s), a self-addressed stamped envelope must be enclosed with each application. Otherwise, notification will not be sent.

TRANSCRIPTS

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

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Academic and Personal Statement

Students should complete the written portions of this application without assistance within the space provided. Students may type within the space provided or attach a separate page if necessary.

Student's Last Name

Student's First Name

1. List three or more activities, hobbies or interests

a. _____ b. _____
c. _____ d. _____

2. Which is your favorite and why?

3. Explain why you would like to attend UCSI or UAIS, and how do you think participation in one of these programs will affect your future?

4. List any academic achievements, awards and/or honors, test scores (SAT, PLAN, PSAT, etc.) that you have received and include dates of the awards. Test scores are not required and applicants will not be penalized if there are no scores reported.

Award or Honor	Date	Individual or Team	Level (National, State, Local)

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Parent 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

Students must maintain good academic standing and acceptable conduct to remain in the Alliance for Academic Excellence Supported Programs and

- Students **MUST** take the Michigan Merit Exam in their junior year
- All UCSI students will complete the entire four year academy program
- **UAIS applicants only**
 - All UAIS students must commit to completion of the full IB Diploma Programme including completion of the Diploma Program assessments.
 - Payment of International Baccalaureate testing fees in 11th and 12th grades totaling approximately \$800.00 is a parental responsibility as are all AP Testing fees.

This signature confirms that I have read and understand the Parent Commitment Statement and understand the information presented therein and my responsibilities. We, the parent(s) / legal guardian(s) of _____ understand the items listed above (*only apply to UAIS Applicants).

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Statement of Student Intent

Utica Center for Science and Industry Learner Profile

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

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 strive to be 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 and will, to the best of my ability, work diligently toward the fulfillment of those expectations.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

If accepted into the Utica Center for Science and Industry, these are my career pathway choices in ranked order of interest (1= Most Interested 3= Least Interested)

Engineering Technology
 Mechatronics
 Multimedia

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Statement of Student Intent

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

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 successfully completing this program will be prepared to excel in a post-secondary academic environment.

I, _____, have read carefully 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 _____

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I am interested in studying the following World Language (please list your first and second choice)

1st Choice

2nd Choice

French

Japanese

Spanish

Mandarin

**Students wishing to enter at Level 2 of their language must pass the UAIS Level 1 Examination.*

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I am interested in studying the following art at the UAIS (please list your first and second choice)

1st Choice2nd Choice

Instrumental Music

Theatre Arts

Visual Arts

Vocal Music

**Students wishing to play piano or guitar may sign up for Vocal Music but will be required to perform vocally. Students taking Instrumental Music should enter with experience on their instrument.*

***All students should read program course descriptions on the UAIS website before making course selections.*