

# Mt. Auburn International Academy

## A SABIS® School

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## Serving Grades K-11 for the 2010-11 School Year!

1. **What is MAIA's philosophy?** The Trustees of MAIA, and their partner SABIS®, believe that all children, regardless of social or economic background, can learn and be prepared to succeed in college and beyond. With over a century of experience in managing schools, SABIS® has the expertise and experience to translate this philosophy into a school that will help students reach their full potential.
2. **Why is it called an "International" academy?** SABIS® operates over 76 schools in 15 countries. These schools form a network that helps connect students with their peers all over the world. SABIS® (one of the founders of the respected International Baccalaureate program) focuses on world standards of excellence and incorporates learning about and respecting other cultures. All students learn a second language (Spanish), beginning in Kindergarten.
3. **What is the SABIS® educational program?** Internationally recognized for preparing graduates of SABIS® schools for top universities and colleges, this system has a highly detailed curriculum that identifies the skills and knowledge to be learned. It places emphasis on math and English as the key pillars of learning. Regular testing verifies learning, ensuring that students don't fall through the cracks. Student uniforms, parental contracts, and a strict code of conduct help foster responsibility, respect, and high standards of behavior, making MAIA a safe and positive place.
4. **What is Student Life™?** Students get involved in the school by taking on real responsibilities that help them develop the skills and attitudes that will make them good learners, as well as good people. They may participate in a wide range of areas, including academics (classroom prefects and peer tutors), social events, athletics, community service, and discipline. Student Life™ leaders are appointed by administration (not elected by their peers) in order to assure that role models demonstrate the positive values and attitudes we want the other students to emulate.
5. **Does MAIA offer sports teams and fine arts?** Yes. Although the emphasis at MAIA is on academic subjects, SABIS® recognizes the importance of a balanced curriculum. Students have courses in art, music, and physical education/health. Several optional sports (low contact, such as basketball) and other activities are offered, depending on student interest and staff talent.
6. **Do students learn computers?** Yes. MAIA has a state-of-the-art computer lab and all students are taught computer skills.

Facts & Answers

7. **How is discipline handled?** High standards of student behavior are promoted by both proactive and disciplinary measures. The teaching methods keep students actively engaged in learning while in the classroom, minimizing behavior problems. Discipline is handled by the administration to eliminate classroom disruptions. Consistent consequences and discussions aid in behavior modification.
8. **Does MAIA charge tuition?** No. MAIA is a tuition-free public charter school.
9. **How are students enrolled?** Enrollment is open to all resident school children of Cincinnati Public and select surrounding school districts. MAIA does not test students to determine who gains admission; all students willing to commit to the academically rigorous program of studies are welcome. Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 30 of that school year.
10. **Which grades does MAIA serve?** MAIA will offer grades Kindergarten through 11<sup>th</sup> for the 2010-11 school year. Each school year afterwards, one additional grade level will be added until the full K-12 program is established.
11. **Where is MAIA located?** The academy is located at the beautifully remodeled site at 244 Southern Avenue in Cincinnati's Mt. Auburn neighborhood. The site features a new cafeteria and gymnasium, plus empty land for future construction. As additional grade levels are added and student enrollment increases, new buildings will be constructed.
12. **When are applications due?** Applications will be accepted until all places are filled.
13. **If I have more questions, how can I get more information?** Summer community meetings will provide additional information. Printed material about MAIA and SABIS<sup>®</sup> is available at the school. The MAIA and SABIS<sup>®</sup> websites offer more information, ([www.sabis.net](http://www.sabis.net) and [www.maia-sabis.net](http://www.maia-sabis.net)).
14. **What do we look for in SABIS<sup>®</sup> teachers?** SABIS<sup>®</sup> teachers must enjoy children, be knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their subject and willing to learn new methods. Specific requirements include a B.S./B.A. (minimum) and certification. Resumes can be submitted at [maia@sabis.net](mailto:maia@sabis.net).
15. **Do SABIS<sup>®</sup> teachers teach differently than other teachers?** The SABIS<sup>®</sup> teaching methods are unique and effective. Teachers use a "point system" that targets learning and minimizes lecturing. Learning is verified by a written exercise and students alternate between listening, talking, writing, and work in both large and small groups.
16. **How long does it typically take for transportation to start for new enrollments and/or address changes?** It should take a minimum of two days and this is only if there is an existing stop that will accommodate the address. If a new stop has to be added, it could take as long as three weeks.