



The Houston Academy for International Studies
An Early College High School

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The **HOUSTON ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES** is an HISD charter high school created in collaboration with the Houston A+ Challenge, Asia Society Network for International Studies Schools and Houston Community College Central Campus. This school will offer students a small school environment, a focus on international studies and the opportunity to take HCC courses and earn college credit while in high school. We are located on the HCC Central Campus and will accept approximately 100 9th Grade students for the **2009-2010** school year. The information requested below is not used to exclude any candidate. It will be used to prepare for the coming school year.

Section I. Applicant Information

Name: _____ Male Female
 Last First Middle Initial

Current School _____ Zoned School _____ Grade 8th

Birth Date ____/____/____ Student Social Security # or Student ID # _____

Contact Information: Parent or Guardian Name(s)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Parent e-mail: _____ Student e-mail _____

With whom do you reside? _____
 (Relationship to you)

Optional: Please check one that describes you:

- Hispanic African American Asian or Pacific Islander
 White Other _____ (Please specify)

This information is not used to exclude any candidate.

Section II. Applicant Response

Please answer the following questions in your own handwriting. Attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

1. Why do you want to attend the International High School?

2. Describe yourself as a student.

3. Imagine that you are e-mailing a friend about your most difficult class. Write about what challenges you face and what you do about it.

4. How did you first learn about the Houston Academy?

Section II. Parent/Guardian Perspective

Please respond fully to the following questions. Feel free to attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

1. Why would you like your child to attend the Houston Academy?

2. What are your hopes for your child's future?

3. Please comment on your child's past experience in school.

4. Please describe the support you provide to your child to assist in his/her education.

Section IV. Commitment

Note to students: Please READ the following statement carefully and rewrite it in your own handwriting.

Note to parents and students: Your signature indicates that you accept and embrace these attitudes and experiences and make a commitment to your/your child's education and enhancing the school community.

We at the Academy for International Studies agree to:

- Treat others as we would like to be treated
- Adhere to academic honesty and ethics
- Take responsibility for our own words and actions
- Respect each others' uniqueness, diversity, feelings and property
- Contribute meaningfully to class every day
- Make an effort to learn more about the world around us every day

During the 4 years at the Academy, the graduating class of 2013 will experience:

- Internships with international businesses or organizations that meet the student's career interests
- Second language proficiency with a focus on oral communication
- Local, national and international travel supported by student fundraising efforts
- Advanced Placement courses that will challenge all students
- HCC College courses for both HCC and HISD credit
- Extra-curricular options at zoned high school when possible
- Community service projects

Commitment

We understand acceptance into the Academy for International Studies involves a commitment of service to the school, adherence to the Code of Ethics, participation in all IHS required classes, internships, community service projects, intercultural exchange and travel locally, nationally and internationally. It requires acceptance of parent participation in the school community in family nights, conferences, and service to the school, helping in the classroom, chaperoning and participating in community service projects and in the home through providing a time place and atmosphere to study and encouragement as necessary. It also requires providing for transportation of your student to and from school in a timely manner every day.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Section V. Personal Information Session

A student and parent **informational** interview is required as part of the application process. The purpose of this informational session is to make clear the expectations of IHS and answer any questions that you may have.

- I have an appointment for an interview on _____
- I plan to call the school at 713-942-3340 to schedule an informational interview.

Return Complete Application with all required items to:

THE HOUSTON ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
1515 WINBERN
HOUSTON, TX 77004
OR
THE HOUSTON ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
C/O B. LEOS
HISD MAIL: **ROUTE 10**

- Please review the checklist carefully and **ensure each item is complete:**
- All sections of the application are complete
- Copy of Proof of Residence in HISD is attached (Utility Bill)
- Copy of Permanent Record Card
- Copy of **most recent Report Card AND 7th Grade Report** card
- Copy of most recent Stanford/Aprenda Scores
- Copy of most recent TAKS scores
- Copy of up-to-date Health Records including Immunization Card
- If applicable: The most recent ESL LPAC, Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 information
Please note that if your child receives any of these services, a placement committee must meet to determine if IHS is the appropriate educational setting for your child.
- I have requested the Teacher Survey Form from the following school based personnel:

- I have scheduled an Informational Interview on the following date: _____
- Commitment form signed by BOTH parent/guardian and student

NOTE: Missing required items will result in the removal of the student's name from the lottery.

