



International Alliance for Invitational Education

2026 Platinum Award Booklet

Your guide to applying for an IAIE Platinum Award

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Introduction

The International Alliance for Invitational Education (IAIE) recognizes schools for their exceptional efforts in creating positive educational environments through the Inviting School Award, the Fidelity Award and the Platinum Award. The Platinum Award is the highest level of achievement in Invitational Education (IE), representing the pinnacle of excellence.

Features of the Platinum Award

- **Exemplary Practices:** Schools demonstrate innovative and effective strategies that foster an inviting and inclusive climate.
- **Sustained Excellence:** Recipients maintain high standards of Invitational Education over time, showing consistent improvement.
- **Comprehensive Impact:** The award acknowledges schools that positively influence students, staff, and the wider community.
- **Research and Development:** Schools engage in projects that advance the field of Invitational Education.
- **Leadership and Mentorship:** Awardees mentor other schools and share best practices globally.

Criteria for the Platinum Award

To be considered for the Platinum Award, schools must demonstrate the following:

- **Faculty Engagement:** All staff are informed about and committed to Invitational Education principles.
- **Community Contribution:** Schools share their practices locally and internationally, such as hosting visits and participating in global conferences.
- **Inviting School Survey:** Schools administer this survey to gather feedback and assess their climate and practices.
- **Application of Invitational Practices:** Schools actively apply invitational practices to five key areas: people, places, policies, programs, and processes.

Application Process

Eligibility Overview

Phase 1: Intent & Preparation

Schools progress through the following awards before reaching the Platinum Award:

1. **Official Recognition:** All schools making application for the Platinum Award must be recognized as an IAIE Golden Fidelity Award School.
2. **Institutional Membership:** Maintain a current IAIE Institutional Membership
3. **Intent Form:** Complete and submit an Intent Form stating interest in applying for the Platinum Award. Must be submitted by February 28, 2026
4. **School Survey:** Administer School Survey by April 15, 2026 to at least 100 school stakeholders. The survey should be distributed to parents, students, community leaders, staff and administrators. Instructions for purchasing the survey and completing can be found on the Website for IAIE.
5. **Narrative:** Submit a Narrative Form to the Platinum Award Committee:
 - An assessment of school growth based on the IE Helix Model. Using the Helix Chart, identify the level that you believe your school has reached and briefly explain why this level best describes your school's growth.
 - A growth summary of how IE has impacted their school climate and culture.
 - A description of how IE will influence their future goals and plans.
6. **Preparation:** Gather documentation and evidence of exemplary practices, sustained excellence, comprehensive impact, research and development, and leadership.

Phase 2: Faculty Engagement

7. **Faculty Engagement:** Ensure all faculty members are informed and actively participate in IE principles.

Phase 3: Documentation & Submission

8. **Documentation:** Provide evidence of invitational practices in the five key areas and their impact. Compile and submit all documentation to IAIE Platinum Award Committee as stated. **All required information must be submitted by May 15, 2026.**

Levels of the Platinum Award

- **Platinum Level 1:** For schools that have achieved the Golden Fidelity Award and continue demonstrating significant progress and impact.
- **Platinum Level 2:** For schools that have reached Platinum Level 1 and sustained excellence and comprehensive impact over multiple years.

Award Presentation

The Platinum Award will be presented annually at the IAIE World Conference.

Conclusion

The Platinum Award represents the highest achievement in Invitational Education. By meeting these criteria and demonstrating a commitment to creating positive and inclusive educational environments, schools can achieve this prestigious recognition.

2026 Platinum Award Checklist

(Please sign and return this completed Checklist along with your final Platinum Award materials)

		Platinum Award Checklist
	1.	Officially recognized as an IAIE Golden Fidelity Award School.
	2.	Current IAIE Institutional Membership
	3.	Completed and submitted the 2027 Platinum Award application to the Platinum Award Committee by 2/28/26
	4.	Administered the School Survey by 4/15/26 to at least to 100 school stakeholders.
	5.	Submitted by 5/15/26 a report to the Platinum Award Committee that includes the following components:
		An assessment of school growth based on the IE Helix model.
		A summary of how IE has impacted your school climate and culture.
		A description of how IE will influence your school's future goals and plans.

Checklist Complete:

School Name

School Principal's Signature

School Coordinator's Signature

Date

International Alliance for Invitational Education (IAIE) Platinum Award Intent Form

Intent Form (Required)
Form Deadline February 28, 2026

School Information

- School Name: _____
- Principal's Name: _____
- Principal's Email: _____
- City: _____
- State: _____
- Zip Code: _____
- Country: _____
- School Coordinator: _____
- School Coordinator's Email: _____
- Title: _____
- Email: _____
- Phone Number: _____

Award History

- Year Golden Fidelity Award Received: _____

Please remember that your school must maintain a current IAIE Institutional Membership to apply for the Platinum Award,

Please email this application to:
Ken Wright, Platinum Award Committee
Email: kenwright2@bellsouth.net

Narrative Form (Required)
Due on or before May 15, 2026

(Name of School) Report

Helix: (Choose a number from 1-12 from the Helix Chart. Briefly explain what you have done to achieve that level.)

Brief Summary: (How has Invitational Education influenced or changed your environment, administrators, staff, students, and community.)

Growth: (After you receive the Fidelity Award what are your plans for the future to continue to grow in IE? Think about the Helix and next areas of growth you will focus on.)

Other Comments:

Completed form due by or before May 15, 2026 All applicants must complete this form to receive the award.

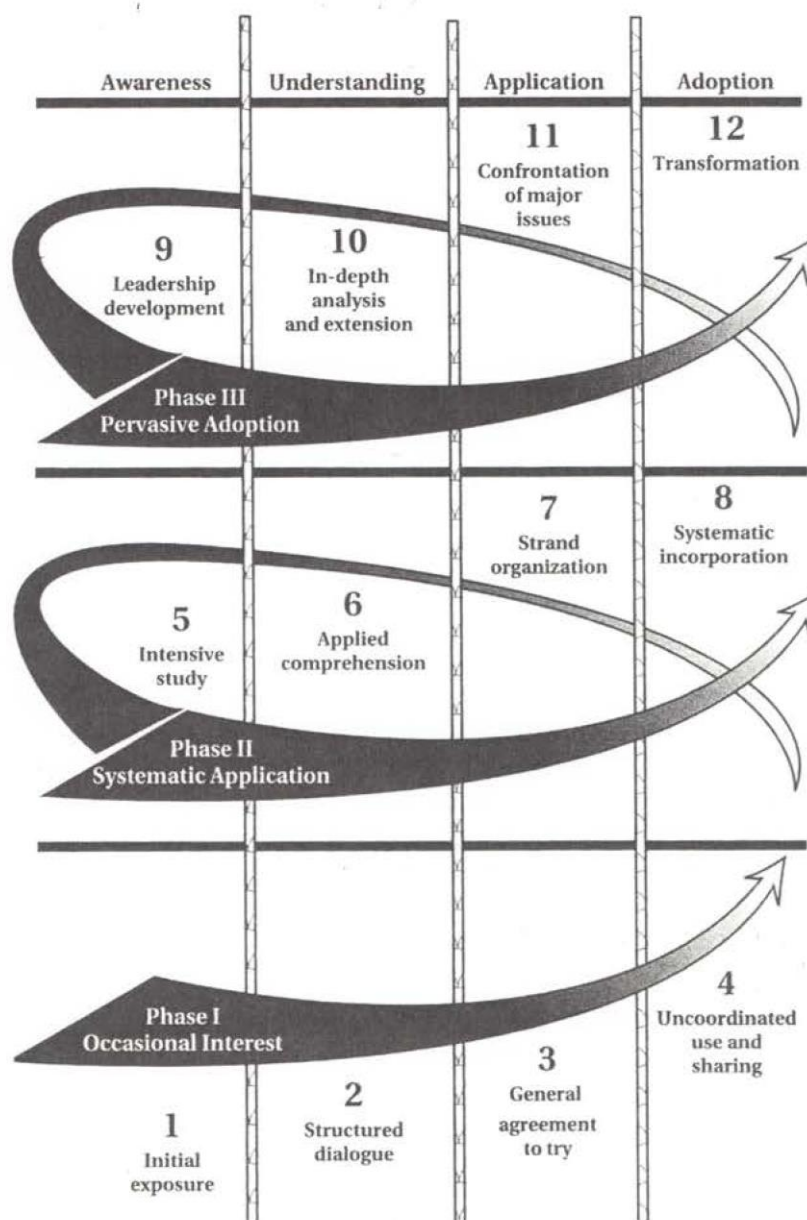


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