

**ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY®**

**SECTION J  
STUDENTS**

**Students with Chronic Communicable Diseases**

Statement of Policy

The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy recognizes the possibility that students may develop chronic communicable diseases. In determining a policy for the treatment of those students, it is relevant to consider the importance of the residential component of the educational program at the Academy. Because part of the Academy's unique learning environment is its ability to offer students the opportunity to live in a community with others of similar intellect, interests, and aspirations, while contributing to and learning from the group, living at the Academy is a requirement of all students attending the Academy, and is an integral part of the Academy educational experience.

Any student who has a chronic communicable disease may attend school at the Academy whenever, through reasonable accommodations, the risk of transmission of the disease to others and/or the risk of further injury to the student is sufficiently remote so as to be outweighed by the detrimental effects of the student's placement elsewhere. If a student can no longer attend the Academy, other options will be explored for placement of the student.

Reporting Procedures

1. Any report that a student at the Academy has a chronic communicable disease shall be made or forwarded in confidence to the Director of Student Life . Any student who suffers from a chronic communicable disease (such as tuberculosis, hepatitis B or AIDS) must report that fact to the Academy medical staff immediately upon learning of the disease. Failure of a student to make such a report may subject the student to disciplinary action, including the possibility of dismissal from the Academy. The Academy medical staff shall report to the Director of Student Life whenever the staff has diagnosed a chronic communicable disease in a student, or learned from a student that the student suffers from a chronic communicable disease.
2. The identity of a student who has or is believed to have a chronic communicable disease, or has been exposed to HIV or other identified causative agent of AIDS, or has a similar chronic communicable disease, shall not be revealed by any Academy employee or official to anyone, including other Academy employees, except as is authorized by law and this policy. In cases where the Illinois

Department of Public Health or a local health department gives notice to the Principal of the identity of a child diagnosed as having AIDS, or as having been exposed to HIV or other identified causative agent of AIDS, the Principal shall disclose the identity of the child to the Director of Student Life . The Director of Student Life may, as necessary, disclose the identity of the child to the Academy medical staff, the teachers in whose classes the child is enrolled, and those persons who, pursuant to federal or state law, are required to decide the placement or educational program of the child (*i.e.*, the multi-disciplinary team). Further, in such cases, the Director of Student Life may inform such other persons as may be necessary that an infected child is enrolled at the school so long as the child's identity is not revealed.

3. The Director of Student Life shall notify the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") if any student at the Academy has a condition for which reporting is required by the IDPH.

#### Investigation and Resolution Procedures

1. Immediately upon receiving information that a student has contracted a chronic communicable disease, the Director of Student Life shall notify that student's parents/guardians and require that a letter from the student's physician be submitted indicating whether or not the student is able to continue in the educational program without endangering himself or others. The opinion of the student's physician will be considered but will not be controlling.
2. Upon receipt of the letter from the child's physician, the Director of Student Life shall convene a Review Committee, which shall consist of the Director of Student Life , a physician retained by the Academy, and other such persons, if any, as the Director of Student Life may designate.
3. The Review Committee shall investigate the student's case and shall make a determination whether or not the student should be permitted to continue at the Academy. This determination shall be based on the following considerations:
  - a. The nature of the risk (how the disease is transmitted);
  - b. The duration of the risk (how long is the carrier infectious);
  - c. The severity of the risk (what is the potential harm to third parties; what is the affected person's physical condition, behavior and ability to control bodily functions and secretions); and
  - d. The probabilities that the disease will be transmitted and will cause varying degrees of harm.
4. Pending the evaluation process and an ultimate determination, the Director of Student Life , in his discretion, is authorized to temporarily send the student off campus and/or home in order to enhance the student's recovery and well being, and to promote infection control. During the time that a student is temporarily off campus, the student shall be permitted to make up any academic work, and the

Academy shall provide assistance to the student so that the student can receive his or her education.

5. The Review Committee shall maintain a protocol file for case management purposes, which file shall not become a part of the student's temporary record, except upon review and decision of the Director of Student Life and after consultation with legal counsel. The file shall contain all recommendations, reports to the Review Committee, and any conclusions or decisions of the Committee. The file shall also contain a list identifying any and all individuals who have been made aware of the identity of a student who has or who is believed to have the contagious disease.
6. If the student remains at the Academy, the Review Committee may designate a person to monitor the student's condition and behavior and to inform the student's parent or guardian in the event there is any change in circumstances that warrants further review. The Review Committee may reevaluate the student's case at any time, but not less than once every six (6) months.

### Appeal

A student or the student's parents/guardians may appeal the decision of the Review Committee to the Principal. The appeal must be in writing and mailed or delivered to the Principal within three (3) business days after the student and/or parents/guardians have received the decision of the Review Committee.

Upon the receipt of the appeal notice, the Principal shall schedule a meeting with the student and/or parents/guardians within three (3) business days. The Principal shall review the Review Committee's protocol file and decision, and all other information gathered to date, including any other information the student and/or parents/guardians wish to present. The Principal shall make a final determination within ten (10) business days after the appeal meeting.

LEGAL REF:           410 ILCS 315/2a, 410 ILCS 305/1 et seq.  
                          20 U.S.C. Sec. 1401 et seq.  
                          29 U.S.C. Sec. 794  
                          42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.  
                          77 Ill. Admin. Code Parts 690, 693, 697

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