Frequently Asked Questions

*Is there a code of conduct?*

Yes. Each student signs a Code of Conduct upon arrival. The Code of Conduct is a behavioral agreement between the student and the Math Academy staff. It outlines expectations for behavior as a guest on the University of Washington (UW) campus, and affirms the high standards we demand of the students selected for the program.

*Will students have telephone access in the residence halls?*

Students will have local telephone access only. To contact your student in the dorms, refer to the contact information page provided with the Math Academy enrollment materials. Cell phone use is allowed, but is not permitted during Math Academy classes or activities.

*Do students have a curfew?*

Yes. Students are required to be in their residence halls by 9:00pm and are expected to be in their rooms by 10:00pm.

*Are Math Academy participants supervised by an adult?*

Students are supervised by an adult at all times during activities. Each team consists of 12-16 students and two full-time UW undergraduate student team leaders. There is also at least one adult Math Academy staff member serving as chaperone on each dorm floor. Other Math Academy staff members are on-call each night.

*Are students able to leave campus and explore the city?*

Math Academy participants are not permitted to leave campus on their own. Planned field trips and outside activities on campus or in the Seattle area are supervised by adult chaperones and program staff.

*What happens if my student gets lost?*

Students are supervised at all times during class, activities, and field trips. Students are given contact information for Math Academy staff and informed of a designated on-campus location to go to if they get lost.
Is there a phone number where I can contact my student?

You may reach or leave a message for students at our local office number (206-543-1770) during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. During all other times and for emergency situations, please contact the Haggett Hall front desk at 206-543-7164.

Do students need money for anything?

Math Academy provides food, lodging, and all classroom supplies. Many students choose to bring some money for souvenirs. However, we discourage bringing a large amount of money, as the UW is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Can students bring valuables such as cell phones and electronics?

Valuable items such as cell phones or electronics are allowed but cannot be used during any Math Academy activities. If use of these items disrupts any Math Academy activity, they may be confiscated at the discretion of the staff. The UW is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

How are students identified on campus?

Students wear nametags and team identification throughout the day.

Are students separated by sex in the dorms?

Yes. Boys and girls stay in separate hallways on the same floor of the same dorm building. Students sign the Code of Conduct with the understanding that they will be sent home at their family’s expense if they enter the hall or rooms designated for the opposite sex.

Do students receive food throughout the day?

Students are served breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day on campus for the duration of program. Students are able to choose their own meals, so they should be aware of any dietary restrictions. A variety of high-quality, nutritious foods are available, including vegetarian options.

How do you ensure that the students are safe in the dorms at night?

Dormitory doors are locked from the outside but security guards are not posted at the doors. Adult chaperones ensure the students’ room doors are locked at night and the chaperones remain on the same floor throughout the night. University-hired resident assistants (RAs) patrol the dorms each evening, and UW Police Department patrols campus throughout the night.
**Who pays for travel expenses?**

Students’ families are expected to pay for their student's travel to and from the University of Washington campus.

**Is there a dress code?**

Students are expected to dress as they would during the high school year. Please keep weather and comfort in mind. We ask that students bring a nice outfit for the closing banquet.

**Are there medical facilities available?**

If a student needs medical care, they are taken to the UW Hall Health Primary Care Center during the day or to the University Medical Center Emergency Room at night. Parents are responsible for insurance deductibles and medical bills resulting from medical treatment. If a student does not have primary medical or accident insurance, the University of Washington will provide limited secondary medical and accident insurance coverage.

**What if my student is sick and cannot participate in the program?**

If a student is too sick to continue participating in the program, Math Academy staff will contact the student's parent or guardian. A student’s family will be expected to make and pay for travel arrangements to pick up their student.

**How is medication dispensed?**

In the student application package, parents must identify their student's medication and medication schedules. Students are required to bring all medications they may need—including but not limited to over-the-counter medications such as epi-pens, Tylenol, Midol, and cough medicine. When arriving for the program, students and parents should identify any required medications and provide a medication schedule to the chaperones. Students are required to self-medicate. Chaperones are available, if needed, for special requirements. Refrigeration is available if necessary.

**Are disability or other accommodations available?**

In the student application package, parents must specify their child's accommodation requirements. Accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis to the extent possible. Please note that there are a limited number of accessible dorm rooms.