Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have a code of conduct?
Yes, every student signs a Code of Conduct upon arrival. This Code of Conduct is a behavioral agreement between our students and the College of Engineering Mathematics Academy (Math Academy) staff. It outlines expectations for behavior as a guest on the University of Washington (UW) campus, and affirms the high standards that we demand of the students selected for the program.

What kind of telephone access will the students have in their residence halls?
Students have local telephone access only. To reach your child in the dorms, refer to the contact information page to be provided with enrollment materials. Cell phone usage 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 p.m. and are expected to be in their rooms by 10 p.m.

What type of supervision exists?
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 chaperone (Math Academy Staff) staying on the students’ dorm floor. Other Math Academy staff members are on-call each night.

Are students able to leave campus and explore the city?
Not 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 child gets lost?
Students are supervised at all times during class time, activities and field trips. Students are given contact information for Math Academy Staff, and a designated campus location to go to if they get lost.

Is there a phone number to get in touch with students?
Students can be reached through our local office number at 206-543.1770. You may leave a message for your child at this number. In case of an emergency, a night manager will pick up this line if you call.

Do students need money for anything?
The Math Academy will provide food and housing, and all classroom supplies necessary to participate in the program. Many students choose to bring some money to buy souvenirs. However, we recommend that your child not bring large amounts of money. UW is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Can students bring valuables such as cell phones, iPods, toys, and electronics?
If students do decide to bring these valuable items, the items are not allowed in any Math Academy activities. If use of these items disrupts any Math Academy activity, they may be confiscated at the discretion of Math Academy 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.
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Are students separated by gender in the dorms?
Yes. Boys and girls are in separate hallways on the same floor of the same dorm. Students sign the Code of Conduct understanding they will be sent home at the family’s expense if they go to the hall or rooms of the opposite sex.

Do students receive food throughout the day?
All meals are held in university facilities. All meals are provided, including breakfast, lunch and dinner, for the duration of their stay. Students are able to choose their own meals, so they should be aware of their food requirements. A variety of high-quality, nutritious foods are available including many vegetarian options.

How do you ensure that the students are safe at night in the dorms?
Doors to the dormitory are locked from the outside but guards are not posted at the door. Adult chaperones provided by the Math Academy stay in the dorms. Chaperones ensure doors to student rooms are locked at night and stay on the same floor as the students throughout the night. University hired Resident Assistants patrol the dorms each evening, and the UWPD patrols the campus.

Who pays for travel expenses?
Parents are responsible for covering student traveling costs to and from the University of Washington.

Is there a dress code?
Throughout the Academy students should wear the same clothes that they do at school. Students are expected to bring a nice pair of clothes for the closing banquet.

Are there medical facilities available?
If a student needs to see a medical professional, they are taken to the UW Hall Health Primary Care Center during the day, or the University Medical Center Emergency Room at night. Parents are responsible for insurance deductibles and medical bills as a result of medical treatment. Should a child not have primary medical or accident insurance, the University of Washington would provide limited secondary medical and accident insurance coverage.

What if my child is sick and cannot participate in the program?
If your child is too sick to continue the program we will contact the parents/guardian. You will need to make arrangements to pick up your child at your expense.

How is medication dispensed?
In the student application package, parents must identify their student’s medications and medication schedules. Students are required to bring all medications they may need—including over-the-counter medications such as epi-pens, Tylenol, Midol and cough medicine. This information is relayed to the chaperones and the team leaders. When arriving for the program, students (and parents) should identify these medications and 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 accommodations available for special needs?
In the student application package, parents must specify their child’s special needs. We will accommodate special needs on a case-by-case basis to the extent possible. There are a limited number of handicapped rooms.