



Newsletter #1
SSA Acceptance Form
for MathStar, BioStar, ChemStar, SOAR1

Summer Science Academy •

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Items 1-5 should be completed by the student accepted into the program.

1. What is your name? (Please print) _____
2. Into which program were you accepted?
 - Math Star:** for students who will be taking their first algebra course next fall.
 - BioStar:** for students who will be taking their first biology course next fall.
 - ChemStar:** for students who will be taking their first chemistry course next fall.
 - SOAR 1:** for students, who have finished Chemistry, will be seniors next fall, and are interested in Biology, Chemistry, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or similar areas.

3. **Sign below to indicate you meet the qualifications of the program into which you are accepted.**

Signature of participant: _____

4. All programs conducted by Summer Science Academy are intense honors programs designed to help students with demonstrated academic potential reach the “Superstar” status needed to achieve a career in the biomedical sciences. Because the program is intense and short in length, it **DOES** make a difference if you miss a day of class. Therefore, there will be **NO** excused absences from the program (i.e. you will receive a “0” grade for ALL absences regardless of the reason those absences occurred) and students who are repeatedly absent or tardy will be dismissed from the program.
Sign below to indicate that you understand this policy.

Signature of participant: _____

5. In addition, there will be at least two hours of homework each night. Sign below to indicate that you agree to do this homework.

Signature of participant: _____

6. **Will the participant ride New Orleans RTA buses to and from Xavier while attending the program?** Yes No

7. **T-shirt size: (Adult sizes)** ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ Other



Newsletter #2

Rules

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Students participating in the summer science programs sponsored by Xavier University are expected to display good manners and follow these general rules of conduct while on Xavier's campus.

Things Which Students Should Do:

- Be courteous and respectful at ALL times.
- Keep the noise down while changing classes so as not to disturb persons in other classrooms.
- Clean and straighten up after leaving a classroom or laboratory. Specifically, be sure all movable chairs are back under the desks, all trash is thrown in waste paper baskets, the chalkboard is erased, and everything in a classroom or laboratory is straightened up before leaving.
- Wear your ID card with your name visible at all times while on campus. Faculty may ask you to show it at any time.
- Come to class on time. Tardiness will result in loss of 50% of the grade, which could have been earned in a class.
- Attend all activities planned for you. Note: There are NO excused absences in the program. You DO need to attend class every day. You will get a "0" for any absence, even if unavoidable.

Things Which Students Should NOT Do:

- Do not bring iPods, MP3 Players, CD's, etc. to school and do not use if someone else brings it.
- Do not use cell phones during class time. (All phones must be OFF.)
- Do not eat or drink in classrooms or laboratories. (In the Science Building, eating is permitted in the Student Lounge on the first floor and in small lounges near the main stairwell on the second, third, and fourth floor.)
- Do not smoke on Xavier's campus.
- Do not sit on tables, laboratory benches, the backs of chairs, writing desks, etc. Sit only on chairs or stools.
- Do not play with models, equipment, or chemicals when in laboratories.
- Do not wear caps or hats in buildings.
- Do not curse or use profane language on campus.
- Do not wear clothing, which displays vulgar or profane writing on it on campus. Do not wear tank tops on campus.
- Do not write on walls. Do not write profane or vulgar things on chalkboards.
- Do not ride the elevators in the Science Building. If there are physical reasons why you need to ride the elevators, please see your program director for permission to do so.
- Do not go into any building unless instructed to do so. In addition, do not go onto 2nd floor of the Science Building. That floor is overcrowded because of summer programs offered by departments located there.

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Rules regarding visitors:

- Students in summer programs may NOT have visitors on campus except in an emergency.
- In case of an emergency, the person wishing to contact a participant (his/her parent, guardian, or similar responsible adult) should come to the Premedical Office (NCF Science 108F) and someone will get their son/daughter/ward from his/her classroom.

Penalty for disobeying the above rules: Failure to abide by the above rules of conduct will result in immediate expulsion from MathStar, BioStar, ChemStar, or SOAR1.

Rules regarding illegal drugs and underage drinking: Xavier has ZERO tolerance for use of illegal drugs and underage drinking.

- **Alcoholic beverages:** Xavier fully supports Louisiana laws regarding the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Those laws state that it is illegal to drink such beverages if you are younger than 21. Participants caught violating those laws on campus will be turned over to NOPD.
- **Illegal drugs:** Xavier has a policy of zero tolerance toward drugs. If you are caught using or distributing illegal substances on campus, the University will call NOPD immediately.

Please sign to confirm that you have read and understand the rules and agree to adhere to all of them. If the student does not adhere to the rules they will be terminated from the program and will not be eligible to attend any of the Summer Science Academy Programs offered through Xavier University of Louisiana.

Signature of Student: _____

_____ Date

Signature of Parent: _____

_____ Date

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Newsletter #3

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Most Frequently Asked Questions

Here are answers to the questions most frequently asked by parents of Students in Xavier Summer Science Programs.

Is it okay if a student misses a day or two of the Program? NO!! The programs are necessarily intense because they are short in length. It does make a difference if the student misses a day. It also does make a difference if a student is tardy!!

What will happen if a student misses a day? He/she will receive a zero in all classes for the day. Students who are habitually tardy or absent will be dismissed from the program.

Where is the best place to drop off or pick up a student? Xavier's main entrance is on Drexel Drive (formerly Palmetto Street). The best place to drop your child off is in front of the NCF Annex, Building 37, on Drexel Drive or in front of the University's library.

Can someone come and visit my son/daughter while in the program? NO!! We do not allow visitors in our classrooms because of the distraction which they cause. Therefore, you should make certain that your son/daughter realizes that he/she should not invite persons to visit him/her while in the program.

Will parents be able to contact students while in class? We will have between 300 and 350 students in programs spread all over campus at any given time. As a result, we will not be able to get students if you call. However, we will take messages and place them on a bulletin board in room 108. The number to call to leave a message is (504) 520-5418. PLEASE LEAVE EMERGENCY MESSAGES ONLY!!

Can a student use Mathstar, Biostar, or Chemstar to replace his/her regular high school course in algebra, biology, or chemistry? NO!! The programs are definitely not intended to replace high school courses but rather to help the student prepare for these courses.

Do grades in the programs count? You do not get credit for participating in MathStar, BioStar, ChemStar, or SOAR1. Therefore, grades in the programs do not count in the same way regular school grades would. However, if you apply to a future program, we will look at grades you earned in previous ones. Therefore, the answer is "YES"!!! Note: Students in MathStar, BioStar, ChemStar, or SOAR1 are not officially enrolled at the University and do not have transcripts at XU as a result of participating in the programs.

Handy telephone numbers:

- **XU Operator: (504) 486-7411**
- **Summer Science Academy (504) 520-5418**
- **Admissions: (504) 520-7388**
- **Health Services: (504) 520-7392**
- **Campus Police: (504) 520-7490**



Newsletter #5 - Registration

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You should have received your homework for MathStar which is due Monday, June 10th. A quiz on the homework assignment will be administered at the beginning of the MathStar program.

Registration for MathStar is Monday, June 10, from 12-1 pm in the atrium of the NCF Science Complex (Bldg. 36/37).

Orientation (REQUIRED for participants, parents invited) is on Monday, June 10, from 1-2 pm in NCF 105.

The first MathStar class will be on Monday, June 10, beginning at 2 pm. Classes begin at 9:00am on subsequent days. The last day of MathStar is Friday, June 28.

There will be NO excused absences from MathStar. Excessive absences or tardies will result in dismissal from the program.

Reminder: Submit Immunization Compliance Form by Friday, May 31. T.B. skin tests are available in Student Health Services on the University's campus. Call (504) 520-7396 for more information.