

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
Office of Enrollment and Academic Services

June 12, 2012

«First_name» «Last_name»
«Address1»
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«City», «State» «ZIP»

Dear «First_name»,

Congratulations again on your acceptance into the IMSA Class of 2015. As was indicated in your acceptance letter, Excel is a three-week summer experience for students who have been identified through the application and placement testing process. Excel students are fully qualified for admission but are identified as needing a review of key concepts, additional skills and/or experiences in order to be prepared to do well at IMSA.

You have been identified to attend Excel this July. Your admission to IMSA in August is dependent upon your successful completion of the Excel program, and you MUST ATTEND THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

Successful completion is determined when students demonstrate progress in developing necessary academic and residential skills, working collaboratively with others, problem solving in new contexts, completing assignments and seeking appropriate help from other students and staff.

The Excel program begins on Sunday, July 8th and continues through Friday, July 27rd.

Excel Students are required to stay on campus the first weekend, July 13-15. Students have the option of going home during the second weekend after 4:00 p.m. Friday the 20th, returning by 6:30 p.m. on Sunday the 22nd. **There is no tuition or room and board fee for the Excel program.**

Before coming to Excel we ask that each student complete and take notes on the on-line preview to the Excel Biology Curriculum. Dr. Donald Dosch's introduction and preview links are found online:

<https://online.imsa.edu/excelbiointro>

You will find the important information about Excel and forms that must be completed and returned, posted on the IMSA website:

<https://www3.imsa.edu/living/parents/2015/excel>

Information about Excel:

- EXCEL OVERVIEW – SUMMER 2012 (purpose and goals, curriculum and expectations)
- NEED to KNOW – GENERAL INFORMATION for EXCEL 2012 (schedule details)
- What to Bring to Excel

Forms to be printed, signed and returned to Paula Altekruise by June 27, 2012:

- Field Trip Release Form: Wheaton Park District: Lincoln Marsh Teams & Ropes Course
- Excel Behavioral Contract

Sign and mail Field Trip Release and Behavioral contract to:

Excel 2012
Paula Altekruise
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
1500 Sullivan Road
Aurora, IL 60506 Fax: 630-907-5935

REMINDER: As mentioned in your acceptance letter, all of your IMSA registration forms, found at <https://www3.imsa.edu/living/parents/registrationsoph15> are to be turned in by June 15, 2012.

**Your Health Registration forms must be submitted for you to move in
on July 8th and participate in Excel**

If you've read the materials on the website and still have questions about Excel, please call or e-mail:

- **Through June 23:** Admissions at 630 907-5028 or e-mail (admissions@imsa.edu).
- **From June 24th on:** Paula Altekruise at 630 907-5039 or e-mail (paula@imsa.edu),
OR Jakendra Williams, Residential Coordinator, at 630 907-5319 or e-mail (jwilliams1@imsa.edu).

IMSA Excel staff looks forward to meeting you. Come prepared to work hard, stretch yourself, meet great people and have fun.

Sincerely,



Paula Altekruise
Coordinator of Academic Support
Coordinator of Excel



Barbara J. Miller
Director of Enrollment and Academic Services