

ILLINOIS MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY®

SECTION K
EXTENSION PROGRAMS

SELECTION OF SCHOOLS – IMSA FUSION

I. PURPOSE

IMSA Fusion is a professional development program for Illinois teachers and a school based STEM enrichment program for Illinois students who are talented, interested and motivated in mathematics and science. IMSA FUSION places a special emphasis on serving schools with significant numbers of students who are historically underrepresented and underserved in these areas. The program is designed to serve students for multiple years.

II. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF SCHOOLS

IMSA Fusion schools are selected by a team of IMSA staff. Schools interested in selection as an IMSA Fusion program must complete the competitive application process. Programs will be evaluated and ranked using criteria established by the Academy.

III. REVIEW PROCESS

A school which applies for and is denied admission to IMSA Fusion may request a review of the decision by contacting the President or designee within five business days of receiving notification of the decision. The President or designee will review the case and render a final decision to uphold, reverse, or modify the initial decision.

IV. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION OF STUDENTS

Students will be selected by the local school team which may include the school principal, teachers, and support staff for the IMSA Fusion program. The professional judgment of the local school team program will determine if an applicant meets the criteria appropriate for the participating school.

If there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, the participating school may add additional sections or consider the following factors in making selection decisions: the demographics of the applicants, school and district; the strengths and special circumstances, if any, of the individual applicants; and the program's stated purpose to serve students who are talented, interested and motivated in mathematics and science, with special emphasis on students historically underrepresented and underserved in these areas.

V. ADMISSION TO IMSA'S RESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students who participate in IMSA Fusion will be eligible to apply and be considered for admission to IMSA's residential academic program, in accordance with Admissions Policy JA. They will not be

required to apply for admission to IMSA nor will they be guaranteed admission to IMSA's residential academic program should they choose to apply.

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