



## IMSA: Recognition Submission Question - Mathematics & Science Academy (65-108-9030-80-0000)

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To: "-----"

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Dear -----:

Thank you for reaching out to the Illinois State Board of Education with your questions about Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA), [1500 Sullivan Road, Aurora, Illinois](#), and an educational matter. This communication will serve as a follow-up to your outreach to our agency. We always welcome the opportunity to connect with stakeholders, such as you.

You contacted our agency with the statement: "Since they are a state agency directly funded by the state, my understanding is that they are not recognized and have not made a submission for recognition in recent years." The statutory authority for IMSA falls under 105 ILCS 305 at <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1030#:~:text=It%20shall%20be%20the%20policy,such%20fields%20as%20engineering%2C%20research%2C>. IMSA Law states, in part, "In order to be eligible for State appropriations, the Academy shall submit to the Board of Higher Education not later than the 1st day of October of each year its budget proposal for the operation and capital needs of the Academy for its next fiscal year and information demonstrating that students who are not Illinois residents have paid and will pay tuition, fees, and room and board costs sufficient to ensure that no State appropriations were used or will be used to fund the costs of those students attending the Academy." (See 105 ILCS 305/2, Section 2.) Therefore, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) will be able to provide information on state funding and recognition. IBHE's website will also provide insights at: <https://www.ibhe.org/hesb.html#content5-a1>. Also see 110 ILCS 205 – Board of Higher Education Act at 9.18, <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1080&ChapterID=18>. Also feel free to reach out to IBHE regarding IMSA audits.

I hope this information is helpful and responsive to your inquiry.

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**From:** -----

**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 12:21 AM

**Subject:** Recognition Submission Question

Hello ISBE:

Do you have a recognition status for Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy?

Since they are a state agency directly funded by the state, my understanding is that they are not recognized and have not made a submission for recognition in recent years.

Please let me know if this is correct.

Thank you,

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