RESEARCH WITH HUMAN AND ANIMAL SUBJECTS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that a vigorous and educationally valid program of research and curriculum development is requisite for the achievement of the Academy’s mission and legislative charge.

Researchers throughout Illinois and the nation are invited to participate in the research and development activities of the Academy. Research projects that reflect the state of the art in theory and practice and enhance the professional development of both students and educators are encouraged for submission. Collaborative research efforts that not only inform but involve students and educators in the design and implementation of the research process are of special interest.

All research and development activities will be coordinated in a manner to minimize intrusion and disruption for the faculty, staff, and students of the Academy. Furthermore, the Academy has the responsibility for:

• protecting the rights and welfare of human and animal subjects used in research projects conducted at this institution or under the direction of any employee or agent of this institution, whether funded or not, and regardless of the source of funding.
• educating students about their responsibility to protect the rights and welfare of human and animal subjects in their research.

In compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulations for the Protection of Human Research Subjects (45 CFR 46, as amended), the Academy has established a research review process and a Human and Animal Subjects Review Committee (HASRC). These processes and structures are designed to define and standardize the reviews of research proposals involving the use of human and animal subjects which are deemed to be of value but may place such subjects in at-risk situations.

All research projects involving the use of human and animal subjects conducted by Academy staff and/or students; sponsored, supported, and/or sustained in part or in whole by the Academy, or involving IMSA staff and/or students as subjects must be reviewed and approved by the HASRC, in accordance with the “Research With Human And Animal Subjects: Policies And Procedures,” posted on the IMSA website. All Academy staff, students, and other individuals conducting research projects that are sponsored, supported, and/or sustained in part or in whole by the Academy or that involves IMSA staff and/or students shall be responsible for complying with the procedures described therein. HASRC committee members...
shall be responsible for advising others of their responsibilities and for addressing questions and concerns that may arise.

The Academy shall be guided by the ethical principles regarding all research involving humans as subjects as set forth in the report of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research entitled "Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research."

The HASRC shall encourage and promote constructive communication among students and staff, as well as the human subjects, in order to maintain a high level of awareness regarding the safeguarding of the rights and welfare of the subjects. Correspondence concerning human and animal subjects research and requests for additional information should be directed to the HASRC, in care of the HASRC committee chair, for review and response.

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