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### OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH OFFICE OF JUVENILE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

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**Name and Location of Facility:** Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Date of Visit:** February 21, 2008

**Oversight Reviewer:** Tina Pendergraft, Oversight Specialist

**Focus of Visit:** First Biannual Visit of 2008

**Date:** May 22, 2008

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#### **Introduction**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics on February 21, 2008. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility has a capacity for 144 students. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was 128 students.

#### Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview with the Dean of Students
- Two staff members
- Twelve students
- Exit conference with the school President and the Dean of Students

#### Documents Reviewed

- Three staff files
- Files on six students
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report for January 1, 2008
- Fire and security inspection report of August 3, 2007
- Range hood inspection of January 25, 2007

#### Areas Toured

- Three dormitory rooms and three bathrooms for female students
- Three dormitory rooms and three bathrooms for male students
- Kitchen and dining area

## **Findings**

### Interviews

The OJSO interviewed twelve students. Suggestions made by the students to improve residential life at the school were:

- trust the students more
- allow students to wear flip-flop shoes and capri pants
- permit students to access the Internet during study time
- encourage an “open door” policy for communication
- develop a stricter criteria for admission

The OJSO did not note any areas of concern from the resident interviews.

Two staff members were interviewed. No areas of concern were noted from the staff interviews.

### File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on six students. The OJSO did not note any areas of concerns from the student files reviewed.

Three personnel files were reviewed. Documentation indicated that performance evaluations for two staff members were not current. No other concerns were noted from the staff files reviewed.

### Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the students’ dormitories, the kitchen, and the dining area. The OJSO noted that a toilet in the bathroom [Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint] on the second floor of the girls’ dormitory did not flush properly. In the exit conference, the school President and the Dean of Students advised that the problem had already been reported and that the repairs had been made. No other concerns were noted from the observational tour.

## **Violation**

1. Two of the three personnel files reviewed did not contain current performance evaluations for the particular staff member pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Code 530:10-17-31.

