

**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:** October 22, 2008

**Oversight Reviewer:** Anthony Kibble, Oversight Specialist  
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**Focus of Visit:** Second Visit for 2008

**Date:** November 18, 2008

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### **Introduction**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced, routine visit on October 22, 2008, at the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM), located in Oklahoma City. The OSSM is a state funded boarding school for juniors and seniors from across Oklahoma who have demonstrated skills, and plan to seek careers in science, mathematics, and technology. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility has capacity for 144 residents. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was 128 residents.

### **Interviews Conducted**

- Entry interview with the Dean of Students
- Three staff members
- Twelve residents
- Exit Conference with the President/Dean of Students

### **Documents Reviewed**

- Five personnel files
- Six resident files
- Medication Log
- Fire Drill reports dated August 27 and September 10, 2008
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated August 14, 2007
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated August 11, 2008

## **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**

### Resident Interviews

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

- more time off-campus
- use of cell phones
- additional activities on weekends
- addition of a suggestion box on campus

### Staff Interviews

The OJSO selected three staff members for interviews; however, all three declined to participate.

### Resident File Review

Six resident files were reviewed. Two resident files contained written immunization records signed by the parents; however, the records were not signed by a medical professional or a representative of the Oklahoma State Department of Health. No other issues of concern were noted.

### Personnel File Review

Five personnel files were reviewed. One personnel file reviewed did not contain a criminal background check.

### Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of six dormitory rooms and six bathrooms, three for female residents and three for male residents, the kitchen, and the dining area. No concerns were noted.

## **Summary**

On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was clean and well-maintained. The residents interviewed made positive statements regarding the school and the quality of educational programs. During the exit conference, the OJSO addressed that one personnel file did not contain a criminal background check, and immunization records contained in the resident files were not signed by a medical professional.

