

1. What time will school start and dismiss?

Most schools in the area have staggered start times. Because we are a k-12 campus, we want to make it easier for families to make one stop when they drop off their kids. Our goal is to have one start time for all grades. Right now, we are exploring an 8 am-3 pm academic day, but that has not been finalized. I will update families as soon as our bell schedule is complete, but I do not anticipate it being too far from an 8-3 start/end time.

2. What will the class size be?

We anticipate class sizes to be around 25 students. Some will be a bit larger (PE, for example) and some will be smaller (honors, GT, AP, and Dual Enrollment classes, for example). We anticipate having aids in our lower school grades for classes that are larger than 25.

3. Will dual enrollment classes be available this first year?

We are partnering with local colleges and universities to build our DE classes for next year. These classes will typically be associate degree-level courses one might take the first year or two in college. Examples include English 101, English 110, Math 110, Math 120, etc. We will offer some DE but not have a full roster of DE classes our first year because our smallest grades as a new school will be our 11th and 12th graders. But, as the school grows in the upper grades, so will our DE offerings.

4. Will there be band/orchestra/choir opportunities for all grades?

We anticipate having band, orchestra and choir classes for our 7-12 students as electives. We will also offer these classes to 5th and 6th graders in the lower school.

5. Will breakfast and/or lunch be offered?

Yes, we will offer breakfast and lunch for students. Parents can place money in their students' accounts through Powerschool. We are still assessing what the need for enrolled families is for free and reduced lunch.

6. What is the dress code/uniform policy?

Our ALA dress code is an integral part of our goal to create a distraction-free learning environment and helps support our culture. All enrolled students are expected to be in dress code, and we expect parents to support this aspect of our culture. We will have a parent night to go through the dress code in depth in the next few months, but information for what our dress and grooming standards are can be found on our website at the following link:

<https://www.alaschools.org/about/uniforms>

7. What sports will be offered, and for what grades?

Our goal is to offer all the traditional sports for our 7-12 students. These include, football, basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, wrestling, cheer, track & field, and cross country. We are exploring adding archery and lacrosse to this list. Our lower school students will have access to intramural sports throughout the year as well as PE through their "specials" classes.

8. What other competitive teams will you have?

As our 7-12 robotics and speech & debate classes grow, we anticipate making these classes competitive as well.

9. What languages will be offered, and for what grades?

We will offer Spanish, German, French, and Mandarin. If there are demands for other language classes such as Latin, we will explore those options as requests come in. Language classes at ALA are taught in grades 7-12. We are exploring the possibility of having foreign language as one of our specials options for the lower school.

10. What extra fees should parents expect?

Some of our electives and CTE classes have semester fees, which are typically \$25 per student, per semester. Our complete list of class fees will be available in our course catalogue. We are currently finalizing the courses we will be offering at ALA Lexington and will let families know when the course catalogue is available.

11. Do you offer IEP and 504 services?

If your child has an IEP or 504, they will be entitled to the services outlined in those documents at ALA Lexington. Please be sure to provide that documentation as soon as you enroll, so we can prepare accordingly.

12. When will a Parent Handbook specific to ALA Lexington be available?

Our Board of Directors must offer final approval of our Parent/Student Handbook for our SC schools before we publish it for families. I will update parents as soon as it is finalized and available. To see what our parent/student handbook may include, please feel free to take a look at one from our AZ or NC schools on our website:

<https://www.alaschools.org/az/parent-resources/handbooks/k-6>

<https://www.alaschools.org/az/parent-resources/handbooks/7-12>