

Sylvania Alternative Learning Academy (SALA)

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for registering <<First>> <<Last>> for the Sylvania Alternative Learning Academy (SALA) for the 2020-21 school year. We are excited to be able to provide this learning opportunity led by our own Sylvania staff. As announced by Dr. Motley, students will be given an opportunity to spend the year in SALA or to request a change mid-year. We'll be in touch later in the semester to prepare for your request.

The following are clarifications and communication of important SALA topics:

Chromebook: A chromebook will be provided for any student who does not currently have one. If you are in need of a student chromebook, please read the [Chromebook Policy](#) and complete [this form](#). The Technology Department will have chromebooks available at the Materials Pick-up for those students needing one. There is a \$25 Chromebook assessment.

Supplies & Materials Pick Up: All SALA students will need to pick up materials at their Home School Building on **Tuesday, September 1**. Be on the lookout for your **principal's instructions** regarding times and process. Elementary students will need class supplies as well. [Here](#) is a standard supply list for Kindergarten. [Here](#) is a standard supply list for grades 1-5. Teachers may request additional items once they start working with your students. Secondary students will need any personal supplies to support online learning. (notebooks, writing utensils, etc.)

Orientation: Please mark your calendars for **Monday, August 31**. The **elementary** parent orientation will be held virtually starting at **6:00**. In order to log in, please go to this link: <https://g.co/meet/SALA-Elementary>. The **secondary** parent/student orientation will be held virtually starting at **7:30**. In order to log in, please go to this link: <https://g.co/meet/SALA-Secondary>. Both presentations will be recorded for those who need to access it at a later time. In addition, all students and elementary parents will participate in a SALA orientation with their assigned teacher on September 3. Look for details coming from your teacher. These orientations will provide critical information for SALA success.

Scheduling: Using your requests through the application process and your original Sylvania schedule, we are building SALA student schedules. If there is a conflict or a question, we will reach out to you.

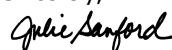
Staffing: Based on students enrolled in SALA, teachers have been shifted from the traditional setting to SALA. Each student will be assigned a Sylvania teacher through the scheduling process. If your child has an IEP, they will be assigned to a SALA Intervention Case Manager who will be contacting you during the first week of SALA instruction. Teacher assignments will be communicated to parents no later than September 2.

Timeline:

August 14-September 2	Teacher Training & SALA Set-up
August 31	Parent Orientations
September 3	First Day for SALA Students & Student Orientation

Thank you for being a part of this new initiative. If you have additional questions, please email sala@sylvaniaschools.org. I'm looking forward to a great 20-21!

Sincerely,



Julie Sanford
Director SALA