



Student Leadership Academy

2021-2022 6TH GRADE VIRTUAL PREVIEW

Welcome

- ▶ Good evening and welcome to the Student Leadership Academy 2021-2022 Virtual 6th Grade Preview.
- ▶ My name is Jonathan Cooley. I am the principal of Student Leadership Academy, also known as SLA.
- ▶ During this preview we will provide you with information that will help you make the best choice for your child's future.
- ▶ Please feel free to ask questions during each section of the preview.
 - ▶ Simply type your question in the chat box and we will have the appropriate staff member answer it accordingly
 - ▶ You will also have another opportunity to ask questions at the end of the preview

Introduction

I would like to take moment and introduce our incredible team:

- ▶ Katie Hunt (*Asst. Principal*)
- ▶ Carolyn Smugorzewski (*Registrar*)
- ▶ Joella Cribbs (*Front Office*)
- ▶ Amy Grim (*6th Grade Team Leader/ 6th Grade Math*)
- ▶ Marion Huber (*6th Grade World History*)
- ▶ Kate Cerniglia (*6th Grade Language Arts*)
- ▶ Mark Bonnell (*6th Grade Science*)
- ▶ Shannon Campbell (*Elective Team Leader/Art*)
- ▶ Jamie McNeil (*ESE Liaison*)
- ▶ Casey Clinch (*Director of Marketing & Communications*)

Facts & Mission of SLA

- ▶ Established in 2004
- ▶ An “A” Rated school for over 13 years
- ▶ We are also recognized by the Florida DOE as a High Performing Charter School
- ▶ We are the only middle school located on the Island of Venice
- ▶ **The mission of our school is to provide every student with a safe, community-based academic and social environment that promotes our core values of Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.**
- ▶ Our main focus over the next three years is to prepare your child for high school, not only academically but emotionally and socially. We want to make sure EVERY ONE of our students is successful the first day they step onto their high school campus.

Other Important Items

- ▶ We are a FREE public charter school, so there is no cost to you, the parents.
- ▶ For those of you not familiar with charter schools...A charter school is a public school that receives government funding but operates independently from traditional schools. Basically, this means we have more flexibility in our day-to-day operations, and we can offer a more individualized education plan in order to meet the needs of each student.
- ▶ We operate under a “Performance Contract” with the Sarasota County School District.
- ▶ Because they are our sponsor, we mirror the District’s calendar throughout the school year.
- ▶ **Uniforms:** We are a uniformed School (our students wear red, white, or navy blue SLA polos with khaki or navy blue pants or shorts).

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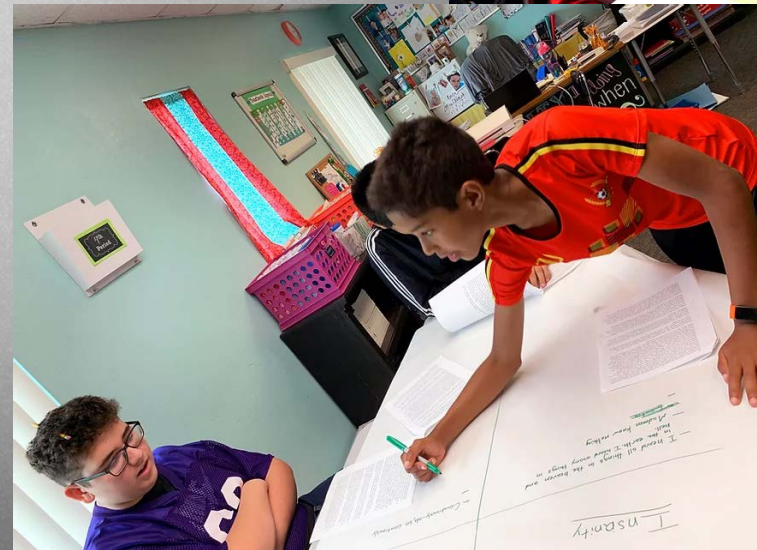
- ▶ **Volunteer Hours:** To align with our core value of Service, our students are required to complete 5 hours of community service each quarter, for a total of 20 hrs. per year (we encourage our parents to get involved as well)
- ▶ **DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, OUR STUDENTS COMPLETED OVER 7,800 SERVICE HOURS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY**
- ▶ **Breakfast & Lunch:** provided by the District (brought over from VHS)
- ▶ **Start Time:** The doors open at 7:00 a.m. with the first class starting at 7:30 a.m.
- ▶ **End Time:** Last period ends at 2:00 p.m. with bus riders at 2:03 and parent pickup at 2:05 p.m.
- ▶ **Full-Time school psychologist and clinic aide** on campus

Transportation

- ▶ Transportation provided by the Sarasota County School District
- ▶ The District has established Bus Routes throughout Venice
- ▶ We also provide Pocket Pick-ups servicing North Port and Englewood:
 - ▶ **WALGREENS** @ Price & Toledo Blade/Behind Walgreens (AM 6:20 - PM 2:49)
 - ▶ **PUBLIX** @ Price & Sumter – SE Corner (AM 6:30 - PM 2:38)
 - ▶ **NORTH PORT LIBRARY** – W. South Highway Dr. (AM 6:41 - PM 2:40)
 - ▶ **NORTH PORT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** – 6951 S. Biscayne Dr. – PM ONLY (PM 2:44)
 - ▶ Venice Boys & Girls Club afternoon bus
 - ▶ Venice YMCA and Salvation Army afternoon busses

Curriculum

- ▶ Regular-Ed Programs
- ▶ Advanced
- ▶ Honors (H.S. credit courses)
 - ▶ Alg. 1
 - ▶ Physical Science
 - ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Intensive Classes
 - ▶ Reading
 - ▶ Math
- ▶ Other Services
 - ▶ ESE
 - ▶ ESOL
- ▶ Character Education/SEL



State Testing

- ▶ FSA Testing and other requirements for Charter Schools
- ▶ SLA follows State & County Guidelines



Open Enrollment

- ▶ Free Public Charter School
 - ▶ No cost to the family
 - ▶ Only cost would be student uniform
- ▶ Lottery Process (if necessary)



Important Dates for the 2021-22 School Year

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| ▶ January - April 2021 | SLA Admission Events |
| ▶ January 27, 2021 | Virtual Town Hall Meeting for Preview |
| ▶ January 31, 2021 | End of first Open Enrollment Period |
| ▶ February 1, 2021 | SLA sends out Welcome Letters to all accepted families |
| ▶ March 1, 2021 | Enrollment packets go out to all accepted families |
| ▶ April 1, 2021 | Deadline to respond to offer of admission and return enrollment packet |

Enrollment / Registration Process

- ▶ Application
 - ▶ Once approved, acceptance letter will be sent to family
- ▶ Enrollment Guide
 - ▶ Current Sarasota County students
 - ▶ Student new to Sarasota County Schools
 - ▶ InfoSnap
- ▶ We have limited availability for In-person School Tours
 - ▶ To inquire, call the front office at 941-485-5551

Student Schedules & Class Size

- ▶ Placement of Academics

- ▶ Based on the following:

- ▶ Prior Year Grades in Academics
 - ▶ Standardized Testing Scores
 - ▶ Teacher Recommendations

- ▶ Class Size

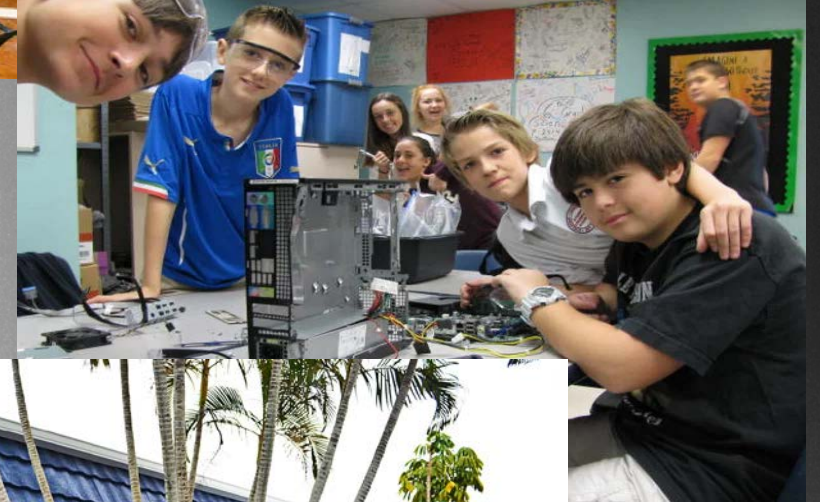
- ▶ Our average ratio is 1:18



Club Choices

- ▶ 1st Period Clubs
 - ▶ 9 week course
 - ▶ Service Club
 - ▶ Sports Trivia
 - ▶ Yearbook
 - ▶ Robotics
 - ▶ Club Med
 - ▶ Legos

- ▶ Theater
- ▶ Total Athlete
- ▶ Marvel Universe
- ▶ Birthday/Event Planning
- ▶ Board Games
- ▶ Disney



Elective Choices

- ▶ Two elective courses daily per semester
- ▶ Electives
 - ▶ Art
 - ▶ 3D Art
 - ▶ Visual Art
 - ▶ PE
 - ▶ Family & Consumer Science
 - ▶ Culinary
 - ▶ Conversational Spanish
 - ▶ Computer Science



Student Programs & Recognition

▶ NJHS

- ▶ The National Junior Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students.
- ▶ NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

▶ Renaissance

- ▶ The mission of the SLA Renaissance Program is to make recognition accessible for all students with focus on a sense of pride in academics and social achievements, continuous improvement, citizenship, positive behavior, strong attendance, and service for our community.

▶ Service Club

- ▶ The objectives of Service Club are:
 - ▶ To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community
 - ▶ To develop leadership potential
 - ▶ To foster the development of strong moral character
 - ▶ To encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation

Athletic Program

- ▶ Florida Sun Coast League (FSCL)
- ▶ Consists of Sarasota and Manatee County Charter schools
 - ▶ Flag Football
 - ▶ Volleyball
 - ▶ Cross Country
 - ▶ Boys & Girls Basketball
 - ▶ Boys & Girls Soccer



Questions & Answers

- ▶ Please feel free to call or email with any other questions should they arise after this preview.
- ▶ You may also visit our school website for more information:
<https://www.studentleadershipacademyvenice.org>

Thank you for showing interest in our school. We wish you and your child all the best, and we hope to see you at the start of the next school year!