

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY (ALA)

DAEP-Disciplinary Alternative Education Program

Guidelines & Expectations

Parent/Guardian **and** student **must** attend orientation prior to the student's first day at ALA. Orientation is held at the PACE Center every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00pm

Student **must** purchase the mandatory ALA T-shirt <https://tinyurl.com/PearlandPACE>.

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Mission Statement

The Alternative Learning Academy will facilitate student learning with master educators in order to foster positive academic growth and social skills in conjunction with the district educational goals and state mandated testing.

Explanation of ALA

Students who are in violation of the district's Student Code of Conduct are sent to the Alternative Learning Academy (ALA) as an option in the disciplinary process. The Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) in Pearland is called the Alternative Learning Academy (ALA) and has been developed to provide campus administrators with an option for students who are in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

The goals of the program:

1. Provide an alternate educational environment for students who have committed persistent or serious violations of the Student Code of Conduct;
2. To meet the academic needs of students assigned;
3. To encourage positive student attitudes and behaviors.

Student Orientation

Before attending any new placement at the Pearland ISD Alternative Learning Academy, **a student and a parent/guardian must attend an in-person orientation** to review the expectations and guidelines of Pearland ISD's DAEP campus. Orientation is held at the Pearland PACE Center every **Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm till 4:00pm (*Doors close at 3:10)**. Further, any student that carries over a new placement to the following school year must complete a reorientation.

Students are not allowed to start their placement at the Alternative Learning Academy without the student's placement paperwork from their home campus. We do not have any control over when the home campus will send the placement paperwork; therefore, we encourage students and their parents to stay in contact with their home campus assistant principal to ensure paperwork submission.

Further, students are **required** to purchase the ALA T-shirt **for \$17** and should complete this before they begin their ALA placement. Students can purchase the T-shirt online at (<https://tinyurl.com/PearlandPACE>) or at the orientation.

PLEASE NOTE:

Failure to complete the orientation will delay a student beginning their ALA assignment and may add to his/her placement time. Students must be in ALA dress code on the first day of placement. Students not in compliance may be sent home until they fulfill these standards.

Academic Requirements

The academic curriculum is continued at the Alternative Learning Academy. ALA has four certified teachers for grades 9-12. One teacher for each of the four content (core) areas, i.e., English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. ALA has one composite certified (all subjects) teacher for grades 7-8. There is also a Special Education teacher for students with individualized education plans.

The Alternative Learning Academy will provide the majority of classroom work, grade the student's individual assignments and report the grades to the student's home campus. **Students enrolled in any modified, Pre-AP/AP, Dual Credit, and/ or Elective courses will receive assignments from the home campus teacher.** Each student will receive a weekly Academic/Behavior Point sheet that will be sent home to be signed by parents and returned within two days of the student receiving it. If the student has not successfully completed all Academic/Behavior requirements, the student will be unable to earn all their points.

Successful completion of all academic/behavior expectations and elective assignments is required for the student to receive credit for their assigned ALA placement.

Length of Assignment

The length of the assignment will be decided by the home campus and can include up to **60 successful days, unless another amount is determined by the home campus**. Early release may be earned upon successful completion of the ALA program. Points earned are contingent upon the student's daily behavior and attendance. **A student assigned to the Alternative Learning Academy may not participate in or attend any extracurricular activities or enter for any other reason the home campus or any Pearland Independent School District Campus/facility.**

Students who trespass may have extra days added to their assignment and receive a trespassing warning/citation from Pearland Police Department.

Point System

The length and completion of the ALA assignment will be based on a point system. Students will have the opportunity to earn 100 points per day. Students earn points by arriving on time, attending school each day, completing work, arriving in dress code, and behaving appropriately. Students assigned to ALA more than once within two school years will be required to earn more points towards completion of the ALA program.

- 1st ALA Placement: 3000 points must be earned for release
- 2nd ALA Placement: 4000 points must be earned for release
- 3rd ALA Placement +: 4500 points must be earned for release

***Students with a 1500-point assignment MUST be present in ALA for at least 15 successful days.**

If a student receives *any infractions*, he/she will be unable to earn all 10 points for that period. Students cannot earn points for the day if they are suspended. ISS placement allows students to earn a maximum of 50 points.

Incentives & Their Criteria

Hot Lunch

All ALA students will begin their placement with a limited lunch option that does not allow the student to go through the hot lunch line. Once the student has completed **500 point** they will be allowed to go through the hot lunch line and purchase additional items. Further, it is expected that student will be successful through the intake process. In the event that the student did not meet the expectation for intake/breakfast, they will earn a lunch detention and will not have the opportunity to go through the hot lunch line.

Dress-Code Waiver

Students that have earned **1500 points** will be allowed to wear denim pants with home campus school spirit shirt on Fridays only for the remainder of their ALA placement. Students are expected to follow all other dress code requirements and will lose this incentive if they do not comply. This includes shirt being tucked in, belt worn, etc.

Additional Transportation Privilege

ALA students are given the opportunity to drive themselves to/from ALA. Students that have obtained a minimum of **1500 points** will have the option to transport themselves (only themselves) while completing their ALA placement. Any student that violates the parking requirements and/or the student code of conduct will lose this incentive for the remainder of their ALA placement.

Extra Points towards Early Release

ALA offers a weekly incentive program, which will allow a student to earn bonus points each day. Each day that a student has a perfect day (receives all 100 points for that day) they will receive an additional 10 points. That gives students the ability to get an additional ½ day of points every week they attend ALA and receive all of their points.

ALA Attendance and School Day

The Pearland Independent School District instructional calendar is followed at the Alternative Learning Academy. Classes will begin promptly at 7:15 A.M. and end at 2:35 P.M. Adult supervision is provided from 7:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Students **are not to arrive before 7:00 A.M. and are to be picked up no later than 2:45 P.M.**

Students who arrive after **7:30am** will be considered tardy. Each time a student is tardy, they will have **15 points** deducted. After 3 tardies, a student may be assessed additional consequences, which may result in him/her needing to earn additional points for completion of their ALA assignment. **Additionally, when the student is tardy, the parent/guardian will need to walk them into the office, have them sign-in, and wait until a staff member has completed the pre-intake process before leaving campus.**

Attendance

All students at ALA will continue to follow the compulsory attendance law. It is the responsibility of the parent and school personnel to encourage regular and punctual attendance of the student. When the student is absent, it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to contact the ALA personnel at 281-412-1599. The student will need to bring a note from the parent(s)/guardian(s) upon returning to school. **Absences will be compiled with home campus absences.** Students who are in violation of attendance laws will be referred to the District Outreach and Attendance office and may be summoned to court.

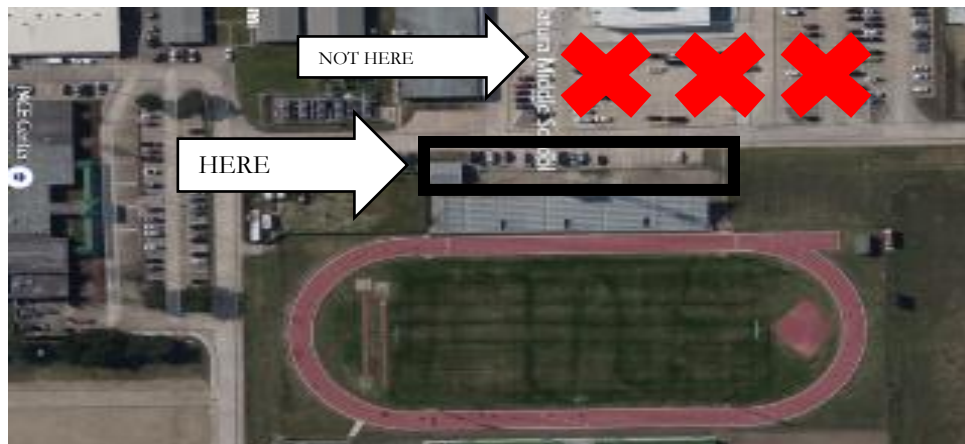
Reminder: Points in ALA are awarded based on the student's attendance with positive behavior and the successful completion of assignments.

Transportation

Students have either parent/guardian transportation or walking as an options for transportation to and from the Alternative Learning Academy (**Bus service is not available**). **Uber/Lyft are not approved means of transportation.**

Student Cars

As an additional incentive for good behavior, students that have earn 1500 points will be given the option to drive themselves (only themselves) to/from campus. In addition to meeting the minimum point total student will have to have a valid parking permit from their home campus, park in the designated parking spaces, and follow the Pearland ISD code of conduct. Student will need to park on the west side of Presner stadium in parking spots that face the stadium. Any student that violates the parking requirements and/or the student code of conduct will lose this incentive for the remainder of their ALA placement.



Code of Conduct

The students will follow the District Code of Conduct, the ALA Dress Code and ALA's additional requirements. Should students not adhere they may receive one of the following consequences:

- Inability to earn all points for the day;
- Suspension (OSS);
- Expulsion to JJAEP.
- **Students who have committed persistent (three or more of the same violation) or serious violations of the Student Code of Conduct may receive suspension (ISS and or OSS), or expulsions to JJAEP.**

Additional Expectations for the Alternative Learning Academy

The additional expectations are as follows:

- Students will adhere to the ALA's dress code at all times.
- Students may not communicate with others verbally or non-verbally at any time without permission.
- Students will have no physical contact of any kind with peers.
- Students will not bring any items to ALA without prior approval from staff. This includes backpacks, purses, electronic device, jewelry, etc.
- Students will follow each teacher's classroom rules/expected behaviors.
 - A student may not sleep and must maintain an upright position
 - Students may not get out of their seat without permission.
- Students will follow instructions the first time given without hesitation.
- Students will be respectful to staff and peers at all times.
- Students will not be allowed to use the telephone.
 - In the case of an emergency, the administrator will call the parent.

Dress Code

Below are the dress code requirements while attending ALA. **Dress code is non-negotiable** and students must be in compliance at all times:

SHIRTS: Students must wear an ALA short sleeve shirt or an ALA long sleeve shirt. ALA sweatshirts are no longer approved. Short shirts are \$17 and long sleeve shirts are \$22. Shirts must be worn daily and are required to be fully tucked in at all times. NO writing or alterations (cutting, tying) are permitted on clothing. Under shirts (short or long sleeve) must be solid white or black or gray. No designs, writing, or other colors are allowed.

PANTS: Must be **SOLID** Khaki (tan) only. Pants should only have four pockets. Pants must fit student's body at waist level, be worn at the waist, and be worn with a belt at all times.

- NO side pockets or flaps on back pockets.
- NO cargo pants.
- NO blue jeans. No holes, fake holes, rips, or fraying around the hem.
- NO stripes, lettering, diagrams, designs, or pictures.
- NO sweatpants.
- NO additional pants or shorts of any kind under the khaki pants.
- NO capris.
- NO oversized, too tight, or cuffed pants.
- NO sagging pants.
- NO joggers, jeggings, or leggings
- All pants must have belt loops

BELTS: Must be solid black or brown color without print, lettering, etc. Must be worn at all times and must not be longer than two inches too long. Belts must be visible at all times. Belt must worn in belt loops provided. NO studs, spikes, embellishments, or sliding buckle type belts.

SHOES and SOCKS: Solid black, solid white, solid gray, or black, white, gray combo tennis shoes only. Socks must be solid black or white, with **no color** showing above the shoe line. Shoelaces must be solid black or white. **DO NOT** wear dress shoes, boots, beach sandals, flip flops, house slippers, crocs, etc.

JACKETS: Jackets are not allowed to be worn in the building. Jackets will be placed in lockers during the intake process and may be retrieved at the end for the school day.

NO MAKE UP: No foundation/powder, eye shadow, eye liner, mascara, blush or lipstick/lip-gloss/ chap-stick may be brought on the premise.

NAILS: Long nails are not allowed – must be under 1/4" in length, no fingernail polish.

HAIR: Must be neat, clean, well groomed, natural in color and out of eyes. Male or female with hair below shoulders must tie hair up in a ponytail or bun and bangs must be cut above eyebrows or pinned back out of face.

- Solid black, solid brown, or solid white hair bands ONLY, not to exceed 1/2" wide OR
- Small hair clips/pins must be BLACK, BROWN, or WHITE.
- NO Mohawks allowed.

TATTOOS: Must be covered at all times. Students are required to use their own bandage or ace band to cover tattoos prior to reporting to campus. Arm tattoos must be covered with a long sleeve shirts; sleeves should not be raised. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

JEWELRY: No Jewelry of any kind. Including rings, ear rings, bracelets of any type, object in ear, nose, tongue, eyebrows or chin. Clear studs, fillers or holders are not allowed.

UNDERGARMENTS: Must not be visible and must be worn under pants. No shorts of any kind under pants.

MISCELLANEOUS: All confiscated items will be **returned to parents at the end of the student's placement.** No objects of any kind can be worn on the wrist, fingers, ears, nose, tongue, or eyebrows. Students are not allowed to write or draw on themselves, their clothing, or shoes.

RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- NO Personal Items: Pictures, Letters, Reading material, makeup or Chap Stick/ lip-gloss, brushes/combs, **gum or candy**
- NO ELECTRONICS: Cell Phones, Tablets/Laptops, Mp3 players, Headphones/Earphones.
 - ❖ District issued device will be turned in at orientation.
- NO Bags, Backpacks, Purses/ Totes
- NO Jewelry / Accessories
- NO Body Piercings of any kind, earrings, watches, rings, tongue rings, necklaces/chains, wristbands, navel rings, eyebrow rings, lip rings, grills, chin rings
- NO supplies allowed. ALA will provide students with supplies
- Only allowed to bring money for lunch and **MUST** be given to ALA staff at arrival time **NO EXCEPTIONS.** All lunches that are brought will be searched. No open containers or screw top beverages.

The Alternative Learning Academy and its staff are not responsible for items that are confiscated and prohibited.

Students that fail to meet the ALA dress code policy:

- **1ST Offense:** If the ALA staff is able to easily provide a correction and the student is willing to make the correction (ie. shaving, removing piercings, hair tied-up) the student will only lose 10 points for the day. If this is not possible, than the parent will be contacted to resolve the issue. If the dress code is not corrected by 8:00am the student will receive 1 day OSS and the parent will be required to pick up the student from campus.
- **2nd Offense:** If the ALA staff is able to easily provide a correction and the student is willing to make the correction the student will only lose 25 points for the day. If this is not possible, than the parent will be contacted to resolve the issue. If the dress code is not corrected by 8:00am the student will receive 1 day OSS and the parent will be required to pick up the student from campus.
- **3rd Offense+:** Student will be issued OSS based on insubordination and refusal to follow the Alternative Learning Academy's policies and procedures. Further non-compliance will be a recommendation for expulsion to the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.

Parents will be contacted for students that receive a suspension due to dress code and the parent will have until **9:00am** to pick the student up from the Alternative Learning Academy. If the parent is unable to pick the student up by **9:00am** the police will be contacted and the suspension will be rolled over into the following day. It is the parent's responsibility to insure the student complies with the dress code and is picked up at a reasonable time.

Hallway Rules and Procedures:

- Students may not communicate with others verbally or non-verbally at any time without permission.
- No talking or whistling in the hallway! It should remain silent at all times.
- Stay in dress-code and keep hands behind your back.
- Walk on the right side of the hallway in a single file line at all times.
- When you arrive at your destination, line up outside the door behind the line and wait for permission from the staff member to proceed.
- Do not stop at other classrooms or destinations. Anything other than walking directly to your assigned destination will be considered truancy.
- Do not stop at the restroom. All students will be given restroom breaks at predetermined times during the day.

Bathroom Rules and Procedures:

Restroom breaks are taken as a class **at designated times**. ALA Staff will provide supervision and check restroom after student exits.

- Students may not communicate with others verbally or non-verbally at any time without permission.
- No talking or whistling in the hallway! It should remain silent at all times.
- Stay in dress-code and keep hands behind your back.
- Stand face forward and on your assigned number until directed into the bathroom.
- Do not tap/bang on the wall while you wait your turn.
- Students will not bring anything into the restroom.
- Stalls will be inspected after student finishes for vandalism, graffiti, and bodily waste. Students that have not utilized this time appropriately will be responsible for cleaning before exiting the bathroom and/or loss of points that could lead to suspension.

Breakfast and Lunch Rules and Procedures:

Breakfast is served in the student first class period after the student has completed the intake process. Breakfast ends at 8:01am and all breakfast related items and/or trash must be thrown away. Students that arrive after the completion of the breakfast time will not be given breakfast. Breakfast is available for purchase from the Pearland ISD Food Service. To be eligible to order breakfast the student will need to indicate breakfast needed in their ALA intake form.

Lunch is from 10:40-11:20 Monday through Fridays and students will eat their meals at the PACE center cafeteria. A lunch is available for purchase from the Pearland ISD Food Service. Students will have an opportunity to go through the hot lunch line only after they have earned **500 points**. Students that follow the ALA guidelines will have an opportunity on Fridays to purchase additional lunch items like chips, snacks, and drinks (other than water/milk). Additionally, students that receive a lunch detention (either through intake or from the previous day) will not have the opportunity to go through the hot lunch line. Breakfast and lunch is provided for students who qualify for free lunches and at a reduced rate for students qualifying at the reduced rate.

A student may bring his or her own sack lunch, but may not have “fast food” brought to them. Students must have canned drinks, as bottled drinks are not allowed. Also, energy drinks and candy will not be allowed. Unapproved items brought to campus as part of a student’s lunch will be thrown away.

- Students may not communicate with others verbally or non-verbally at any time. It should remain silent at all times.
- Students are to remain in dress-code at all times.

- All students will have assigned seats and new students will wait at the stage until assigned a seat.
- Upon entering the cafeteria, students should go directly to their assigned seat and wait to be directed to the lunch line by an ALA staff member.
- Students will raise their hand and wait to be called on if they should have questions, need assistance, or wish to go through the water line at any time.
- Students will face forward and stay in dress-code. This includes keeping hands and head outside of their shirt.
- During dismissal, students will wait until they are told to line-up. At that time the student will walk to the marker, face-forward, hands behind their back, and follow directions of the staff member.

Parent & School Partnership:

- Ensure the student has brought their Pearland ISD issued device to the ALA orientation. Student will check-in their device at orientation and will be reissued the device at the completion of their ALA placement.
 - **No electronic devices are allowed in the building at ALA.** If a cell phone, MP3 player, or any other electronic device is taken up it will be kept for 5 business days and then the student will be charged a **\$15.00** fine for it to be returned.
 - If the student doesn't have a school issued device they will need to make arrangements with their home campus to obtain a device for their ALA placement.
- Review and sign any paperwork given by staff.
- It is your responsibility for your child to attend school and be on time.
 - Contact the office when your student will be absent and provide documentation for the absence upon the child's return.
 - When your student is tardy, you will need to walk them into the office, have them sign-in, and wait until a staff member has completed the intake process.
 - Pick up your child no later than 2:45pm or the police will be called. Your child is your responsibility.
 - When your child is suspended you **MUST** provide transportation for them within the given time. We wish to avoid calling police or other agency. Your child is important.
- Provide transportation for your child.

Students will receive an Academic/Behavior Point Sheet weekly which enforces these additional requirements. Severe behavior may result in immediate loss of credit for the day, loss of privileges, days added to the student's ALA assignment, or suspension and/or expulsion as deemed by the campus administrator.

Medication

Parent/Guardian of students that require medication will deliver it to the office along with written directions of how they are to be administered. School personnel as per the prescription will administer the medication to the student. Parents will be notified when the prescription is about to run out. All medication must remain in its original container. Prescription medication to be kept longer than 10 days must be accompanied by a doctor's note. Over-the-counter medication will not be given beyond 10 days. All medication given to students will be logged by office personnel.

Students are not to bring ANY medication on their person. All medication must be delivered to the front office by the parent/guardian.

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Follow Directions

FIRST TIME GIVEN BY STAFF

- **Assigned Seat**
- **Assigned Number for the Class**
- **Safe & Secure Learning Environment**
- **Take responsibility**

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On Task & Engaged

DO WHAT IS REQUIRED

- **Upright, Alert, and Engaged in Lesson**
- **Complete All Assignments**
- **Communication Appropriate to the Lesson**

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Communication

IF NOT DIRECTED BY STAFF

(NO COMMUNICATION POLICY)

- **Communication to/from Home Campus**
- **Appropriate Communication to peers & staff**
- **Includes Verbal and Non-verbal**

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Uniform

STAY IN DRESS CODE AT ALL TIMES

- **Follow All Dress Code Requirements**
- **Keep Shirt Tucked In**
- **Keep Pants at the Natural Waistline**
- **Black, White, and Gray is the ALA way**

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Self-Control

You are Only Responsible for Yourself

- **Non-Socializing Commitment**
- **Stay Within Your Own Boundaries**
- **Control Your Emotions**
- **Ask for Help When You Need It**

**Pearland Independent School District
Alternative Learning Academy
Parent & Student Contract**

Student Name: _____ **ID#:** _____

Home Campus: _____ **Grade:** _____

This receipt is to verify that I and my student have received a copy of the Pearland ISD's Alternative Learning Academy's Guidelines and Expectations, which informs us of our responsibilities throughout the ALA placement. My signature below indicated that I understand the rules, regulations, and expectations of the ALA program.

I have read and understand the rules and regulations before me as binding. I understand that not meeting the guidelines and expectations of the ALA program may result in myself and/or my child incurring penalties which may include court, tickets, fines, Out of School Suspension (OSS), and/or recommendation to the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). I understand that during my orientation, I have received specific information regarding dress code, point system, rules, regulation, procedures, and the overall expectations while at ALA. As the parent/guardian I agree to support the ALA program and all of its initiatives. I also understand that failure to meet parental requirements will result in my child remaining in the program until all requirements are satisfied.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date Signed

I understand the rules and regulations of the ALA program and agree to comply and follow all rules at all times. I also agree to comply and follow the student dress code, and student code of conduct.

Signature of Student

Date Signed

ALA Intake Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student ID Number: _____ Home Campus: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of person student lives with: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Contact Person #2: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student must be dropped off each morning but have the option of walking home. How will your student get home each afternoon? Car rider: _____ Walker: _____

Do you wish for your student to receive breakfast in the morning? Yes _____ No _____

*If yes White Milk _____ Chocolate Milk _____

Parents/guardians must send an email or a note with contact information by 1:00pm if afternoon transportation changes.

Emergency Information

If contact #1 or #2 cannot be reached, please provide three additional names and numbers for persons who may pick up or drop off your student.

Name:

Number:

Known allergies? _____ Currently taking any medication? _____

If your student will need to take medication at school, please contact the office for medication forms you must complete.

In case of a medical emergency please provide the name and number of your family doctor:

Probation Officer Contact Information:

Name

Number

Parent/guardians understand they are responsible for keeping their student's cafeteria account current. If a student does not have money in their account, the cafeteria will not allow them to charge items and the student will not receive breakfast or lunch.