



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) of Academia Antonia Alonso

Q1: How can I get in touch with the School?

Please call 302-351-8200

Q2: Does the school have a website?

Yes. www.academiacharter.com

Q3: Is there a school newsletter?

Yes, La Academia produces a school newsletter every month which is also posted on our school website. Teachers also send newsletters with information specific to your child's class weekly. Please remember to check your child's book bag for these and other important papers.

Q4: What are the School's vacation / holiday dates?

Please refer to the school calendar posted on our website www.academiacharter.com

Q5: Does the School provide breakfast/lunch?

Students may eat breakfast at home or at school. Breakfast is served for students who arrive between the hours of 8:15AM and 8:40AM. Students may bring their lunch or participate in our free school lunch program. Food items include Chicken, Pizza, Sandwiches, Fruit Salad, Ice Cream, Pastries, etc.

Q6: Does the school offer transportation?

Transportation is provided through our privately owned school buses. Information regarding transportation is mailed home early August.

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT. Meanwhile, you should check the information regarding bus stops in our school website

www.academiacharter.com. Please contact the main office if you have any question or need any further information.

Q7: Are students required to wear uniforms?

Yes, students are required to wear uniforms. There are two type of uniforms: The everyday uniform and the Physical Education uniform. Please be Reminded that we are in a weekly schedule for Physical Education and Capoeira. When purchasing your child's Physical Education and Capoeira, Please plan accordingly.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR ORDER IN TIME FOR THE 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL, ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY AUGUST 14TH. These Uniforms can be purchased by:

- Going to the online store at <https://academiauniforms.itemorder.com>
- Choosing your items and adding them to your cart
- Securely checking out with your credit card

ALL SALES ARE FINAL. If you would like your child to try on items, please visit Promotion Zone in person Tuesday to Fridays 9am-5pm, at 50 Albe Drive, Newark, De 19702

Q8: How many students per class? And how many sections are per grade?

Classes, in Grades K through Grade 5, generally average 21-24 students in each class. There is a Teacher & Full Time Paraprofessional assigned to each Kindergarten class.

Q9: What are the School Hours?

Parent Drop Off / Buses Arrive: 8:15AM – 8:40AM

Parent Pick Up: 3:15PM – 3:40PM

Buses Load– 3:15PM – 3:40PM

Buses Leave: 3:45PM

Q10: Where can I find a lost object?

Our Lost & Found is located by the entrance door to our playground. Items not recovered by the end of each month are taken to the Goodwill on the first Tuesday of every month.



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Q11: What paperwork do I have to provide to the school when my child is absent or tardy?

The parent/guardian is responsible to bring in a parent/doctors note on the first day the student returns to school from absence. The absence will be marked unexcused until a note is received. Regarding family vacation during the school year, the absence must be approved by La Academia's Executive Director, Mercedes Alonso.

Q12: What do I need to do to pick up my child early from school?

If a student needs to leave school early, the parent/guardian MUST be at school before 2:30pm and sign the student out at the school's Main Office. This ensures that the individual picking up the student has the proper authorization to do so and helps prevent strangers from checking out children. We have authorizations forms on file in the office, and parents should regularly update these forms to ensure that everyone who may need to pick up their student - a daycare provider, neighbor, or other relative, for example - will be allowed to do so.

Q13: What school supplies will my child need?

You may find the School Supply list for each grade level on the school webpage www.academiacharter.com

Q14. Can I choose / change my child's class or teacher?

Class lists are prepared by Executive Director with Teacher, Counselor and Dean input. It is not possible for parents to request specific teachers or change class assignments. Class lists are developed during the spring/summer months and are available on the first day of school. All elementary class lists will be posted outside each classroom.

Q15. How can I communicate with my child's teacher?

Your child's success at La Academia is a shared responsibility. To communicate with your child's teacher, you may call the teacher direct extension between the hours of 8:00AM & 8:10AM or after 3:45PM. **Teachers are unavailable during instruction hours.** If you would like to communicate with your child's teacher during school hours, leave a voice message on the teacher's voicemail and the teacher will return your call within 24hours.

Q16. Where can I find out about school cancellations or early dismissals?

Every effort will be made to communicate an unscheduled early dismissal or school closing effectively and efficiently. Announcements will be made through Remind- a communication platform that helps us communicate with our school community, placed on the school's website www.academiacharter.com and via some local radio & TV stations:

- WDEL – 1150 AM and www.del.com
- WJBR – 99.5 and www.wjbr.com
- ABC Channel

You may also find information concerning unexpected school closings, delays and early dismissals at <https://schoolclosings.delaware.gov/> website.

Q17. What if I have more questions?

Parent orientation will be held August 22nd at 6:00pm to 7:00pm for Kindergarten Parents, August 26th at 5:00pm to 6:00pm for First and Second Grande Parents and August 27th at 5:00pm to 6:00pm for Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents. This is a time when parents can find out more information about the school in general. Parents may also communicate directly with the Main Office or email questions and/or concerns to mayara.costa@academia.k12.de.us and someone will respond to you with a 24-hour period. Please mark your calendars!!!!!!

Q18: How can I best support my student at Academia Antonia Alonso?

First: BE ON TIME. Get your student to school on time!

Second: STAY INFORMED. Check your student's book bag daily as well as our website www.academiacharter.com frequently.

Third: BECOME PART OF THE PARENT BOOSTER CLUB. It takes all of us to be successful. Meet other parents and learn how you can volunteer. Please contact Lolita Hay-Currie, President of Booster Club at academia.booster@academia.k12.de.us. There are so many ways that even the smallest contribution of time can make a great impact. It has been shown that children tend to be more successful in school when their parents are involved.

Fourth: BE YOUR STUDENT'S BIGGEST FAN. In other words, always encourage!