



## SCHOOL NEWS

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Monthly newsletter for Accelerated Learning Academy students, families, and our Community.

## I WILL ACHIEVE

### ALA CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

- 1:** ALA Mentor Program begins
- 1 & 16:** Education Board Mtg via Skype, 5:15 p.m.
- 3 & 24:** Early Release
- 5:** First Friday Chats with Higher Ed, 10 a.m. to Noon
- 6, 13, 20, 27:** Saturday School, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 8:** Progress Reports sent home
- 15:** Presidents Day (SRS Closed)
- 23:** SRS Community Forum
- 26:** Virtual School Assembly, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

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Piipaash  
Word of  
the Month**

**komkjed kapet turtle**  
O'odham Piipaash English

### ENROLL AT THE ALA TODAY

The Accelerated Learning Academy offers a small, individualized learning environment with highly-qualified teachers who care about their students and provide one-on-one virtual support in all classes.

We provide students with the latest technology, including school-issued laptops, Wi-Fi (if needed), and an interactive learning platform, which includes everything from core courses, electives, and college-level classes through our partnership with Scottsdale Community College.



#### Interested students must meet one of the following criteria:

- ⇒ 16 years or older, and are 3 core credits behind in English, math, or science.
- ⇒ 16 years or older, and are 8 credits behind their cohort year (e.g. you missed your graduation year).
- ⇒ NEW THIS YEAR: Did you attend SRHS during the 2019-2020 school year? Then you can apply for a spot at the ALA if you are at least 16 years old, have at least 11 credits, and will be an incoming junior.

Tell your friends: Apply today! Our self-paced curriculum supports students seeking their high school diploma, while also connecting them with opportunities to learn valuable job skills and apply for higher education.

ALA Saturday School is back! This is a great opportunity for students to get ahead, catch up, or receive additional help in their classes. Sessions are held from 9AM to Noon and Noon to 3PM. Call 480-362-2130 for more info.

#### Spring 2020 Saturday School Dates

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|-----------|------------|------------|
| • Feb. 6  | • March 20 | • April 24 |
| • Feb. 13 | • March 27 | • May 1    |
| • Feb. 20 | • April 10 | • May 8    |
| • Feb. 27 | • April 17 |            |

**SATURDAY  
SCHOOL**

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An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

## ALA INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

Working while attending ALA is beneficial in many ways. Not only will you earn a paycheck while building valuable experience and job skills, but you can also earn an elective credit towards graduation. Mr. Peters is ready to help you find and apply for a job, and prep for the interview. Contact Mr. Peters via Edgenuity email, by calling 480-362-2169, or [seneca.peters@saltriverschools.org](mailto:seneca.peters@saltriverschools.org).

## Student & Family Support

We are focused on supporting students & families. If you need assistance, please contact Dianna Washington, ALA Academic & Career Counselor, at 480-362-2133 or email [Dianna.Washington@saltriverschools.org](mailto:Dianna.Washington@saltriverschools.org).

## Student & Family Success Tips

### Students

- Communicate with your teachers & ask for help!
- Don't give up!

### Families

- Ask your student to show you their Edgenuity progress report (look at the Actual Grade).
- Staff are always available for questions & assistance. Call us at 480-362-2130.

## ALA CONTACT

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## FIRST FRIDAY CHATS WITH HIGHER ED



ASK QUESTIONS, GET ADVICE, LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS & FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS.

*Friday, Feb. 5, from 10AM to Noon via Microsoft Teams.  
Email [HigherEd@saltriverschools.org](mailto:HigherEd@saltriverschools.org) to register!*

## ALA DAILY STUDENT SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE

**Student Schedule:** **AM session** students must work on their computer from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays; **PM session** students must work from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Students may also work outside of these hours in order to get ahead and finish courses more quickly. (Students follow their schedule for three, one-hour periods by checking in with their teacher; then, students are required to work an additional hour each day.) Students are always encouraged to work extra if possible—check out our new Saturday School opportunity!

**Attendance** is taken each period and teachers monitor student work during their scheduled session. **It is VITAL students complete work each weekday.** If they cannot attend their session, please contact the ALA at 480-362-2130 (leave a message, if prompted). Staying in communication helps us understand student needs and provide support, if needed.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL YOUTH AGE 18 & UNDER!

Take advantage of the amazing breakfast and lunch meals prepared fresh daily by our Food Services team for ALL youth age 18 and under. **Pick up your meals weekdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the ECEC along Center Street OR call our Transportation team at 480-362-2127 and leave a message that you'd like to have your student meals delivered.** Learn more at [shorturl.at/gnOR3](http://shorturl.at/gnOR3).

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