

# **S**suspension **E**xpulsion **A**lternative Program Handbook

## Our Mission:

The S.E.A. Program is an alternative program that provides students with the opportunity to develop positive behaviors that can lead to academic success.

## S.E.A. @ The Academy

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**Overview:**

The S.E.A./S.E.A. Plus program is a behavioral program designed to assist middle and/or high school students with chronic and/or severe behavioral problems. Staff assists students in developing appropriate behaviors and social skills as well as conflict resolution and problem solving techniques that will be helpful in school, home, work, and in the community. S.E.A students must attend a minimum of 9 weeks, and S.E.A. Plus students must attend a minimum of 18 weeks and successfully complete the Student Outreach Services (S.O.S.) program.

**Eligibility:**

Students enter the S.E.A. program through the Suspension/Expulsion Review Team (SERT). Students are referred to SERT by middle or high school principals, the superintendent’s office, or the Department of Juvenile Justice.

**Who does S.E.A. serve?**

- Students recommended for expulsion
- Students with multiple suspensions for chronic offenses of a serious nature
- Students transitioning back to school from expulsion or from a Department of Juvenile Justice program
- Students who commit zero tolerance offences

**Program benefits:**

- Low teacher-to-student ratio
- Differentiated Instruction
- Opportunity for high school students to earn additional credits
- Social, emotional, and behavioral curriculum to provide individual support
- Charlotte Behavioral Healthcare group/individual therapy on site

**Academic Overview**

1. Students will take their four core academic classes.
2. Each class is 90 minutes long.
3. Middle school students are given the opportunity to earn two credits per semester.
4. High school students are given the opportunity to earn four credits per semester.
5. Students will receive differentiated instruction.
6. One on one interventions will be provided to students who need extra assistance.
7. If needed, students will be given the opportunity to earn credits through FLVS and/or Edgenuity.

**S.E.A. Program Bell Schedule:**

7:15-7:40	Arrival & Breakfast
7: 40-9:12	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
9:17-10:49	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
10:54-11:59	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
12:04-12:34	Lunch
12:39-1:03	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
1:08-2:40	4th Period
2:40	Dismissal

## **Daily Expectation for S.E.A. Students:**

### **Arrival:**

- Arrive to school on time daily
- Verify appropriate CCPS dress code:
  - All personal items, including but not limited to, hats, backpacks, purses, hoodies, food, or items identified by school administration will be turned into the dean of students.
- Cell phones will be immediately placed in student cell phone locker upon arrival
- Follow the daily lessons assigned by classroom teacher

### **Transitions:**

- Students are escorted everywhere on campus and walk in a straight line with no talking
  - This includes walking between classes, cafeteria and/or the bathroom

### **Cafeteria:**

- Students will get their lunch one at a time
- Students have assigned seats
  - Students remain seated until instructed by an adult
- Students are not permitted to talk during lunch

### **Dismissal:**

- Students remain seated until dismissed by the teacher
- Students will retrieve their cell phone one at a time
- Students must leave school as directed by their parent/guardian

### **Buses:**

- Students will have assigned seats in the front of the bus
- All requests for bus passes must be made in writing by parent/guardian no later than 8:00am

### **Character Expectations:**

- Students are to be respectful to all staff, peers, and school facilities
- Students will use appropriate language
- Students will refrain from referencing or discussing drugs, alcohol, sex, and other inappropriate topics
- Students must avoid any physical touching or contact with anyone on campus

### **Progressive Discipline:**

The goal of the S.E.A program is to keep students in school daily. The following interventions are used to avoid out of school suspensions: warning, classroom timeout, conference with the Dean of Students or Administration, ISS, parent contact, parent conference, and other helpful strategies to support student behavior. Students who choose not to correct their behavior and respond to the support and interventions provided in the program will receive progressive discipline.

### **Point System:**

In order for a student to earn their way out of the SEA program, they must earn a minimum of 600 points within the 9 week period. The SEA program uses LiveSchool, a secure, web-based program that records points that students earn based on daily performance. The staff in the SEA program assign points to students based on the following:

1 point earned for each:

- arriving to school on time
- appropriate lunch behavior
- appropriate breakfast behavior
- completing independent classwork
- demonstrating academic success during the class period
- positive participation in class
- positive behavior in class

5 points deducted for:

- leaving a room without permission
- being sent out of a room by a staff member

### **Tracking Student Points**

Students can earn up to 19 points each day in attendance with a total of 95 points a week.

- SEA staff records student points every class period
- Students review their points at arrival and dismissal with their SEA staff
- Students bring home a copy of their point sheet every Friday to be signed by a parent/guardian
  - 5 bonus points will be given for each signed letter returned by the following Monday

### **Students Exiting the SEA Program**

S.E.A. students must earn a minimum of 600 points within the 9 week grading period to exit the program.

S.E.A. Plus students must earn 600 points for two consecutive 9 week grading periods and successfully complete the mandatory S.O.S. program to exit the SEA program.

### **Student Re-Entry Meeting**

When a student earns their way out of the S.E.A. program, a mandatory re-entry meeting will be held with staff from the S.E.A. program, staff from their previous school, along with the student and their parent/guardian. This meeting provides a smooth transition for the student to return to their school.

***The S.E.A. program is not a direct path to attending The Academy. Any S.E.A. student interested in attending The Academy or PASS program must submit an application, interview, and be accepted by school administration.***

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Where is parent drop-off/pick-up?**

Prior to 7:30 am, parent drop-off is located at the bus loop, and after 7:30 drop-off is at the front of the school. Pick up is outside the main office.

### **Can students drive to the S.E.A. program?**

Yes, with approval from school administration. This privilege may be revoked for poor attendance, tardiness, and/or poor behavior in the program. Students will need to purchase a parking pass for \$10.

### **What is the procedure for students obtaining breakfast and lunch?**

All students in the SEA program receive free breakfast and lunch at Champ's Cafe. Upon enrollment, the student will automatically qualify for their free meals with no application necessary.

### **Can students bring their own lunch to the S.E.A. program?**

Food brought to school by students must be in clear, sealed containers. Drinks need to be sealed/unopened upon arrival to school. All food will be stored and given to the student at lunch.

### **Can students attend extra-curricular activities at other Charlotte County Public Schools?**

S.E.A. students are **not** permitted to attend extra-curricular functions without prior approval from Dr. Desjardins. Requests must be given in writing to the Dean of Students, two weeks prior to the event/activity for consideration.

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