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Learning Academy

# EEA Newsletter August 2016

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## Calendar of Events

August 30	Open House/Orientation 3:00-6:00 PM
September 1	First Day of 16-17 School Year
September 5	Labor Day-No Classes
September 15	Family Night
September 28 & 29	Seminar Days
October 11	Picture Re-take Day
October 24 & 25	Seminar Days
October 27 & 28	Professional Development No Classes

### Welcome Back!!!

We hope you are as excited as the staff at EEA for the upcoming school year. We have a lot in store for you and hope you are ready to have fun and learn. We have a few staff changes. Aaron Weaver will be joining us as an Americorp worker. He worked with us during summer school so some of you already know him. Jean Abreu will be with us for the first semester as the science teacher. Mrs. Zimmermann will be returning from her deployment for the second semester. Join us in welcoming them to the EEA family.

### Normal EEA School Day 8:00—3:30

7:30	Yellow bus arrival
8:00—9:00	Resource as required based on previous month's graded assignment average
8:00-9:00	Student arrival and academic appointments (Students who arrive during this time will be expected to be in the EEA area, not in other areas of East, and either be in EEA Café or a quiet work area. Some students will be required to meet with academic advisors during this time.)
9:00-3:30	All students (2:30—Early release for students meeting requirements)
2:50	Yellow bus release

### Last Day of the Week

Same starting times as above.  
Release at noon for students meeting requirements.

### 2016-2017 District Calendar

A district calendar for the entire year is enclosed. Please keep in mind that EEA will sometimes deviate from this schedule according to our particular school's needs. **We will keep you informed of schedule changes with monthly newsletters.**

### EEA Supply List 16-17

Because the majority of our school courses are computer based, we do not have a typical supply list for our students. We do ask that you supply 1 ream of copier paper, 2 boxes of Kleenex and a composition book. These are items that we use on a daily basis and appreciate your help in supplying these for the school year. Each student should also bring pencils/pens and a binder or any other supplies that are needed to organize their classes. Thank you.

### EEA Open House/Orientation

EEA Open House/Orientation will take place on **Tuesday, Aug. 30th from 3-6 PM**. It is important that you and your parent/guardian attend. This is an open house format so you are welcome to come during the time that works for you. We will be verifying contact and medical information, taking pictures for ID cards, assigning lockers, giving out bus tickets and you will have a chance to meet your advisor. **SEE YOU TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

### EEA ID Cards

During orientation, Lifetouch will be here to take school pictures and make ID cards for the 16-17 school year. If you would like to purchase school pictures, the order form is enclosed. Please bring the completed form with you on Tuesday, August 30th. Each student will also get a new ID card for the 16-17 school year. **This is not the card that opens the door.** We will provide those during the first week of school to new students. If you are a returning student, please use your card from past years to open the door. If you have lost or damaged your ID card, you will need to purchase a new one during the first week of school. The cost for a replacement card is \$5.

### EEA Seminar Days

We are continuing to offer seminars this year. These are classes that meet once a month during the year for a total of 20 days of learning. Each student is able to earn up to a full credit each year from these seminars. These classes are designed to provide students with critical skills, provide credit recovery or to further learning in specific content areas. The seminar days for the first two months will be **September 28 & 29** and **October 24 & 25**. Your child's attendance is critical on these days because they are not possible to make up.

### Morning Resource Time

**IMPORTANT CHANGE!** In the past, earning the late start of 9:00 AM was dependent on the amount of work a student did the day before. We always strive to improve on what we offer at EEA. For a variety of reasons, we are implementing a change that we believe will be very positive. From now on, earning the incentive of a 9:00 AM start will be dependent on the **average of graded assignments from the month before**. For the month of September, all students will earn the late start incentive as long as their behavior is appropriate. Students may be required to come at 8:00 AM due to behavior reasons at any time, or may be required to come daily at 8:00 if significantly behind in credits.

- Students earning an average of 6 or more graded assignments for the month will earn the 9:00 start for the entire month following. For instance, a student earning an average of 6 graded assignments in September will have a 9:00 start for all of October. When they earn an average of 6 in October, they get the late start in November and so on.
- This new system will take care of a few issues: **1)**Parents will know for the whole month when the expected arrival time is, **2)**What we provide from 8-9 will be focused on the roadblocks students are dealing with in getting the work done. Because it is the same group all month, we will provide specific lessons. This will not be APEX time. It will be focused on academic and social/emotional roadblocks. Students will earn credit for the time they are in resource participating appropriately, **3)** Because it is the monthly average that earns the incentive, when a student does not earn 6 assignments one day, it will not be as stressful for them. They just know that they have to make that up one of the other days, **4)** All students having the incentive for September will get a taste of café, and if possible, will allow sleeping in as the year kicks off, making the transition back easier.

We are looking forward to the positive impact this change will have on our students and their school success!