



SAN LUIS OBISPO

**CLASSICAL ACADEMY
HIGH SCHOOL**

Welcome Letter

165 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Admissions@sloclassical.org www.sloclassical.org 805.548.8700

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Dear Potential High School Family:

We are honored you are considering San Luis Obispo Classical Academy High School (SLOCAHS) for your family for the 2016-2017 school year. The most successful families at SLOCAHS are the families that believe in our model of education. They are committed for the long-term. They are focused and thoughtful about all things SLOCA-related. They are devoted to educating their child/ren for life. They desire to follow a dynamic educational road less traveled – one that is counter-cultural. In other words, our families are: All In, Always Mindful, Always Learning, and Offbeat! We ask that you take the following steps in your consideration of our high school.

1. **Familiarize** yourself as much as possible with our school by spending time on our website. We strongly encourage you and your student to schedule a classroom observation and tour. Email admissions@sloclassical.org or call 805.548.8700 to schedule.
2. All new families are required to attend a **Parent Preview Night or High School Open House**. While it is not required to RSVP for these meetings, it is helpful for us to know how many people will be attending. Below is the list of upcoming meetings. Go to our website to RSVP: <http://sloclassical.org/nuts-bolts/admissions/informational-meetings/>.
 - Monday, November 9 – Parent Preview Night and High School Open House @ 7:00 pm
 - Monday, February 8 – Parent Preview Night and High School Open House @ 7:00 pm
 - Wednesday, April 13 – Parent Preview Night @ 7:00 pm
3. Complete **all forms** in this packet.
4. Gather any **specialized educational services evaluations or reports** your student/s may have (academic, social emotional, behavioral, speech, etc.).
5. Submit the required forms along with the non-refundable **registration fee** of \$325 per student to the address listed above.
6. Complete a **family interview** once the registration process is finalized. We will contact you to schedule this interview. High School students and parents will be interviewed independently.
7. You will be **notified** no later than April 15, 2016 (pending completed enrollment process), if your family is accepted.

SLOCA can only accept a limited number of new students. Applications will be processed based on a number of factors: timeliness of application, family interview, and compatibility with our program. Although applications are accepted at any time, we encourage you to apply early to increase the possibility of a spot for your student/s. If we are unable to enroll your student on either track, you will be placed on a wait list. If your student does not receive placement before school starts, your registration fee will be returned.

If you have questions, please contact me by email at KRein@sloclassical.org or by phone at 805.548.8700.

Educating for life,

Kateri Rein, SLO Classical Academy High School Director



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Application Checklist

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Because we are committed to protecting the integrity of the student learning community at SLOCAHS, we require an admissions process for ALL incoming students and families desiring to attend (new to SLOCA and those re-enrolling in SLOCA).

New SLOCAHS families:

- Attendance of a High School Open House or Parent Preview Night
- Intent to Enroll Form
- HS Questionnaire (this form is for families that are only enrolling a HS student. If enrolling multiple levels, use the all-school questionnaire)
- HS Parent Report
- HS Student Report
- 2 References
- Family Interview
- Student Interview
- Advisory Meeting

Re-enrolling families:

- Application for Re-Enrollment
- HS Parent Report
- HS Student Report
- Advisory Meeting



SCHOOL PROGRAM SECTION

Below is the explanation of our different track schedules.

Acronym	Name	Description
TA	Track A	Preschool - 8 th - Core days Mon/Wed. Home days Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
TB	Track B	Preschool - 8 th - Core days Tues/Thurs. Home days Mon, Wed, & Fri.
A4	4-day	5 th -8 th - Core days Mon & Wed. Enrichment days Tues/Thurs. Home day Fri
B4	4-day	5 th -8 th - Core days Tues & Thurs. Enrichment days Mon/Wed. Home day Fri
HS	High School	University Model 9 th -12 th - Mon, Wed, Fri. Tues/Thurs independent home days.
FF	Friday Foundations	Kinder-8 th grades. Eight Fridays each trimester. These classes can be added to the above options.
FPL	Friday Play Lab	Can be added to our Little Wonders Program for 3 - 5 year olds

STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

When listing your student/s information, please circle your track preference. Indicate if you desire to add a Friday Program for your student/s in Kinder through 8th grade. If you are enrolling in our Little Wonders Program, please circle full or half day and if you desire add Friday Play Lab. There are limited half-day openings available that are based on a first come first serve basis. Half Day is from 8:15 - 12:45pm; Full Day is from 8:15 - 3:00 pm.

Student #1 Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Gender	Date of Birth	Grade				
	Track Choice/s			Little Wonders Choice/s					
Current School / Town	TA	TB	A4	B4	HS	FF	Half	Full	Friday Play Lab

Student #2 Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Gender	Date of Birth	Grade				
	Track Choice/s			Little Wonders Choice/s					
Current School / Town	TA	TB	A4	B4	HS	FF	Half	Full	Friday Play Lab

Student #3 Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Gender	Date of Birth	Grade				
	Track Choice/s			Little Wonders Choice/s					
Current School / Town	TA	TB	A4	B4	HS	FF	Half	Full	Friday Play Lab

Student #4 Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Gender	Date of Birth	Grade				
	Track Choice/s			Little Wonders Choice/s					
Current School / Town	TA	TB	A4	B4	HS	FF	Half	Full	Friday Play Lab



PARENT INFORMATION SECTION:

____ Single ____ Married ____ Sep. ____ Divorced- if divorced, ____ Sole ____ Shared Custody

Last Name, Primary Homeschool Parent	First Name	Email
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Place of Work	Position Title	Home Phone
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Cell Phone	Address	City	State / Zip
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Last Name, Parent	First Name	Email
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Place of Work	Position Title	Home Phone
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Cell Phone	Address (if different from above)	City	State / Zip
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Last Name – other adult living in household	First Name	Relationship to student(s)
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Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email
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Please list your other children that will not be enrolled in SLOCA. Do you plan on them attending later? Y N

Name	Age	Birthdate	Name	Age	Birthdate
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Registration Fees: Nonrefundable new student registration fee is \$325 per student. Your check will be held if your student/s are put on the wait list.

\$ _____

Total Registration Fee Enclosed	Parent Signature	Date
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We love when our families share our amazing school. Whom may we thank for referring you to SLO Classical Academy?

Parent Signature	Date
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Parent Signature	Date
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Parent's or Guardian Name/s: _____

Name of high schooler applying for admission to SLO Classical Academy High School: _____

Attending one of our Parent Preview Nights / High School Sneak Peek is required before attending a family interview. Dates are listed on the website.

Which parent night did you attend or plan to attend? _____

Are both parents in favor of enrollment in SLO Classical Academy High School? Y N

If no, please describe: _____

Does your high schooler want to attend SLO Classical Academy High School? Y N

If no, please describe: _____

Have you ever applied to this school before? Y N If so, when did you apply? _____

What is your child's schooling/educational background? _____

Please list the reason(s) that you are interested in SLO Classical Academy High School (be as specific as possible):

Please state your understanding of SLO Classical Academy's mission and vision:

Are you in agreement with these statements and are you prepared to take part in this type of education?



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Briefly describe your understanding of classical education:

Why are you interested in your high schooler attending SLO Classical Academy High School?

If you're new to classical education, have you done any reading or other preparation for this type of schooling? Y N N/A
If so, what have you read or done?

Classical Education, by nature, is quite rigorous and requires a high level of commitment and hard work from students. Can you foresee any difficulty with this?

To keep our tuition as low as possible and to encourage family involvement, it is expected that every family volunteer time for the school (45 hours minimum per year). Example, help with field trips, classes, special events, newsletter, administrative help, etc.) High Schoolers may do this work for their family. Can you foresee a problem with this? Y N

What areas might you and/your high schooler be interested in volunteering for? (Feel free to think outside the box)

Do you know any families attending San Luis Obispo Classical Academy? Please list those you know: _____



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Are you considering other education options for next year in addition to San Luis Obispo Classical Academy? Y N

Please list:

Please let us know about your high schooler's special interests, hobbies, or talents:

Due to our desire to serve all students and yet due to our own limited resources, SLO Classical Academy High School does admit a limited number of children who have handicaps and learning disabilities. If you have a student or students with challenges, please describe:

I certify the above information is truthful, complete and accurate.

Parent's Signature

Date / Parent's Signature

Date



As part of the high school application process, we ask that each parent fill out the below form.

Parent Name: _____

Student: _____

1. Please rate your child on how well you think that they do in the following subjects on a scale of 1 (weak) to 5 (strong):

Math	1	2	3	4	5	History	1	2	3	4	5	Discussion	1	2	3	4	5
Drawing	1	2	3	4	5	Reading	1	2	3	4	5	Writing	1	2	3	4	5
Science	1	2	3	4	5	Foreign Lang	1	2	3	4	5						

2. What are your child's academic strengths?

3. What are your child's academic weaknesses/struggles?

4. What is your child's attitude towards school academically? (circle) *Love it* *Like it* *Necessary Evil* *Pulling teeth is preferred*
Any comments on school academics:

5. What is your child's attitude towards school socially? (circle) *Friends can be a struggle* *Friends are what make me tick*
Any comments on school socially:

6. What combination of words might you choose to describe your child? (circle all that apply)

Math lover	Intimidated by math	Math is fine, not a big deal	Concerned about high school workload
Love to Read	Reading is a necessary evil	Excited about coming to SLOCA high school	Insecure about academic abilities
Love to Write	Dislike writing	Writing is neither here nor there	Leader
Confident about academics	Quiet in class	Talkative in class discussions	Follower

7. How do you see your role in supporting your high school student?



As part of the high school application process, we ask that each student fill out this form (both sides). Our goal is to get to know you a bit better and to ensure that you are ready to join us.

Name: _____ Entering Grade: _____

1. Please rate yourself on how well you think that you do in the following subjects on a scale of 1 (weak) to 5 (strong):

Math	1	2	3	4	5	History	1	2	3	4	5	Discussion	1	2	3	4	5
Drawing	1	2	3	4	5	Reading	1	2	3	4	5	Writing	1	2	3	4	5
Science	1	2	3	4	5	Foreign Lang	1	2	3	4	5						

2. What is your favorite subject(s)?

3. What is your least favorite subject(s)?

4. What are your academic strengths?

5. What are your academic weaknesses/challenges?

6. What is your attitude toward school academically? (circle one)

Love it *Like it* *Necessary Evil* *Pulling teeth is preferred*

Any comments on school academics:

7. Tell us about your attitude toward school socially.

Friends can be a struggle *Friends are what make me tick*

Any comments on school socially:



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8. What combination of words might you choose to describe yourself? (circle all that apply)

Math lover	Intimidated by math	Math is fine, not a big deal	Concerned about high school workload
Love to Read	Reading is a necessary evil	Excited about coming to SLO CAHS	Insecure about academic abilities
Love to Write	Dislike writing	Writing is neither here nor there	Leader
Confident about academics	Quiet in class	Talkative in class discussions	Follower

9. What do you hope to do with your future?

10. What are your hobbies or activities you enjoy doing in your free time?

11. Favorites:

Books:

Music:

Foods:

Social activities:

Movies:

Sports to participate in:

12. Please show us your writing skills by writing a 1-2 page essay answering one of the following questions (you may type or write it up on a separate sheet of paper).

Why do you want to attend SLO Classical Academy High School?

What would make your HS experience excellent?

What is important to you in your life?



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New Student Recommendation Letter

Date: _____ Applicant's Name: _____ Grade _____

- This form to be completed by community leader (student's teacher, coach, pastor, volunteer leader, etc.)
- This student is applying for admission to our Middle or High School Program. Please rate the student in the following areas and answer the questions to the best of your ability.

No Basis	Description	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
	Academic Engagement				
	Love of Learning				
	Personal Qualities/Character				

- 1) Is this student currently in good standing with your school/organization? Yes ___ No___
- 2) Has any strong disciplinary action ever been taken with this student? Yes ___ No___
- 3) Do you know of any issues with drugs, alcohol, or other areas of concern? Yes ___ No___

Please elaborate further on responses to Questions 1-3 as needed.

We believe that the development of character is essential to becoming well educated. Please describe observed character qualities of this student (e.g., responsibility, diligence, integrity, respect, kindness, etc.) as they would apply to a learning environment:

Briefly explain what you think this student would bring to SLOCA:

Other comments:

Signature

Title

Date

Please return completed form to:

**SLO Classical Academy, Attn. Admissions Director
165 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405**