

CLASSICAL ACADEMY

SLOCA acronyms & definitions

This is a list of many of the acronyms and definitions that you may need to know. Another great place to check is the field guide for your student's specific level.

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| SLOCA | San Luis Obispo Classical Academy | <i>Serving infants through 8th grade</i> |
| SLOCAHS | San Luis Obispo Classical Academy High School | <i>Serving 9th through 12th grades</i> |

GRADES/LEVELS

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| Tiny Wonders (TW) | Infant Care | <i>Rooms 6 and 7- infant through 2.5 years</i> |
| Little Wonders (LW) - Pre, JrK, K | Preschool and Junior K ages Kindergarteners | <i>Rooms 4 and 5 - ages 3 - 5 Room 2</i> |
| Primary | Pri1 - 1st grade Pri2 - 2nd grader | <i>Rooms 1 and 3</i> |
| Intermediate | Int3 - 3rd grade Int4 - 4th grade | <i>Rooms 10 and 11</i> |
| LMS Lower Middle School | LMS5 - 5th grade LMS6 - 6th grade | <i>Rooms 12, 13, and 8</i> |
| UMS Upper Middle School | UMS7 - 7th grade UMS8 - 8th grade | <i>Rooms 0, 8, 9, and 14</i> |
| TA | Track A | <i>Monday / Wednesday</i> |
| TB | Track B | <i>Tuesday / Thursday</i> |
| A4 | Track A - 4-day program | <i>Monday / Wednesday Core Tuesday / Thursday Enrichment</i> |
| HS | High School | <i>Monday / Wednesday / Friday</i> |

OFFICE

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| NOL Office Manager | <i>Nice Office Lady</i> | <i>These two are the go to people for questions if you do not know where to go. Located at the front office.</i> |
| Family Files | <i>Each family has a file near the front door in the main office, organized by tracks.</i> | <i>This is one method of correspondence or communication. Please check these at least weekly.</i> |
| Bear Necessities | <i>Weekly Update</i> | <i>This is an important part of our school communication that comes out every Tuesday evening. Please read each one carefully.</i> |

Enrichment

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| Foundations Lab / Study Labs | Formerly Friday Foundations | <i>Friday morning enrichment program for academics.</i> |
| Wonder Labs / Enrichment Labs | Formerly known as Academy Classes or Academy Clubs | <i>Friday afternoon enrichment classes and clubs that provide an opportunity to try something new or work on specific skills.</i> |
| FPL | Friday Play Lab | <i>Friday program for students in Preschool through Kindergarten providing extra enrichment.</i> |
| Sports | For Kinder through HS | <i>A variety of sports programs are offered for levels Kindergarten through HS. MS through HS do compete against other schools.</i> |
| 4-day Program | For levels 5 - 8 | <i>This program consists of two core days and two enrichment days. The enrichment days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be four periods of study lab and two periods of enrichment.</i> |

EDUCATIONAL / TEACHER

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| Grid and Narrative | For preschool through upper middle school | <i>Weekly information from your teachers emailed to you on Fridays. The narrative gives information on what has gone on during the week and what is coming up. The grid provides the lesson plans - both what will happen at school and what should be done at home.</i> |
| Field Guide | For each level preschool through high school | <i>These documents are a parent's guide to each level - very informative. Everything you need to know should be in it.</i> |
| IEW | Institute for Excellence in Writing | <i>Writing program used for primary through middle school. Within the program, you will learn some additional acronyms such as KWO - Key Word Outline. And Dress-Ups ("ly" = adverbs, SV = strong verbs, QA = quality adjectives, SO = sentence openers)</i> |
| AAS | All About Spelling | <i>Spelling program used in primary through intermediate</i> |
| FFL | First Language Lessons | <i>Grammar program used in primary through lower middle school.</i> |
| OPG | Ordinary Parent's Guide to Reading | <i>Our reading program used in kinder and primary</i> |
| Singapore | Math program | <i>Math program used in kinder through lower middle school</i> |
| HIG | Home Instructor's Guide | <i>Part of the Singapore math program. The HIG is used as the parent's tool to teach math.</i> |
| SOTW | Story of the World | <i>Curriculum that is used to supplement the learning level of primary.</i> |
| SOTWAG | Story of the World Activity Guide | <i>Supplements of the SOTW book.</i> |
| BWJ | Black Work Journal | <i>Used in a variety of levels</i> |
| BOB | Big 'OL Binder | <i>Used in intermediate</i> |
| ebob or vBob | Big 'Ol Binder / Google Doc file | <i>Used in intermediate and lower middle school</i> |
| HRA | Home Reading Assignment - LMS | <i>A weekly literature based assignment based on the novel being read. Focuses on</i> |

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| | | <i>elements of setting, character, plot/conflict</i> |
| HRJ | History Reflection Journal LMS | <i>A spiral notebook which includes weekly history reflection assignments based on the history reading, in-class notes and activities, maps, and IEW final drafts</i> |
| HB-IEW | History Based IEW Workbook - | <i>Used in lower middle school</i> |
| ID/S | Identification and Significance - UMS and HS | <i>A method of responding to one's history reading which includes answering "who?", "what?", "when?", "where?", and most importantly, "What is the significance?"</i> |
| TOC | Table of Contents | <i>Used in our IEW program at various levels</i> |
| PRs | Progress Reports | <i>At trimesters 1 and 3, parents of students in K-UMS will write up a report on how their child has done on the home side of the educational partnership. Forms are provided and can be downloaded from the website. This is a time to reflect on the past trimester and set goals for the coming one. Fellow parents, teachers and staff are always willing to help if needed. Trimester 2 will have mandatory parent/teacher conferences.</i> |

TEAMS

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| Lead Team | Represents the whole school | <i>Consists of the Executive Director, Director of Academic Life, Director of Community Life, High School Director, Preschool Director, Development Director, and Admissions and Parent Care Director. The Lead Team are in different offices all over the campus.</i> |
| Lead Teachers | Represents all levels | <i>Consists of a teacher at each level that has years of time and experience at that level.</i> |
| Team SLOCA | | <i>Consists of all teachers and lead team.</i> |
| Extended Team SLOCA | | <i>Consists of Team SLOCA and extended SLOCA staff (The Den, safety team, etc.)</i> |
| HEC | History Event Committee | <i>This committee that works to plan and organize our history day events.</i> |
| Liaison | | <i>A parent who coordinates with the classroom teacher for parties, events such as history day, and possibly classroom connection meetings.</i> |

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| | | <i>This parent also helps to organize teacher gifts. They are a classroom go-to parent.</i> |
| CC Meetings | Classroom Connection Meetings | <i>These are classroom meetings that a liaison and/or teacher will set up if there is a need (i.e. to talk about history day or a specific curriculum).</i> |

MEETINGS

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| Required Parent Meetings | August - Parent Orientation January - Family Business Meeting Trainings - History / Literature | <i>Parent Orientation and Family Business Meetings are required for all families. History/Lit trainings are required for 1st through 8th grades.</i> |
| PPN | Parent Preview Night | <i>Information night for those considering the school for levels preschool through UMS. These occur twice a year.</i> |
| HS Open House | High School Open House | <i>Information night for those considering our high school. This is for levels 7 - 12 and occur twice a year on the same evenings as the PPNs.</i> |

PLACES

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| The Den | School Store, Library, and outside seating area | <i>Tech free area.</i> |
| Main Office | | Our main office building that houses lead team, support staff, our team sloca room and other meeting places. |
| Lo-Fi Lounge | | Our open to the SLOCA community" sitting area in the main office, complete with two computer stations. This area is available for people that want to work on their computers. |
| Support Central | | The area behind the metal and wood walls in the main office where many of our support staff work. |
| Think Tank | | The meeting room in the main office - lots of thinking happens in here. |

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| MPR | Multi-Purpose Room | The MPR is under Teach's control and they have first rights. But we do share with them and hold many meetings there. |
| Safety Team Room | | This room is in the MPR. Our safety team resides here and all of our safety equipment is here also. |
| Video Room | | This is where the magic of our video recording happens. |
| Small Playground | | The Fenced playground area behind the main office. K-HS students meet here every school morning at 8:25 for the morning meeting, and Pre-Primary students have their recesses here. |
| Big Playground | | The large playground area near the lower parking lot |