



Clark Advanced Learning Center Stuart, Florida

Vision / Mission Statement

Vision and Mission

From the Indian River Community College Charter School Application for The Advanced Learning Center:

In 2004, the Clark Advanced Learning Center was established as a charter high school in partnership with Martin County School District and Indian River Community College to focus on providing "middle majority" 11th and 12th grade students with enhanced education and career training opportunities through access to a rigorous technology-enriched curriculum in a "small school" environment. Employing proven "best practices" in education, the CALC leads students to high school graduation and preparation for college and/or high-tech career opportunities. Technology-related "majors" combined with an interdisciplinary project-based curriculum, extensive exposure to career-based and contextual learning opportunities, job shadowing, internships, dual enrollment, and articulated credit engages students in academically challenging courses in preparation for lifelong learning and career success. In 2006, 10th graders were added to the school.

The vision of the CALC involves the creation and implementation of a supportive enriched learning environment that produces students who are academically and technologically prepared to continue their education at the college-level and enter the competitive workplace. This vision is achieved through the following objectives:

- Provide academically challenging, seamless 2+2+2 articulated programs that include an integrated curriculum, sequenced work-based learning, and dual enrollment opportunities for high school students.
- Provide a rigorous academic environment that meets the needs of students and the expectations of parents, business partners, and employers.
- Increase student achievement through the implementation of innovative teaching strategies.
- Ensure all populations have equal access and support to participate as fully as possible in the programs of the CALC.
- Enhance the abilities of teachers, counselors, mentors, business partners, and parents to implement quality contextual programs that add relevance to academic learning.
- Develop a systematic assessment and evaluation system to measure and track accomplishments of identified outcomes
- Disseminate project results and lessons learned through regional, state and national conferences and workshops.

The mission of the Clark Advanced Learning Center (CALC) is to prepare students to learn, live and work in an information-rich technology-advanced society. The CALC helps students prepare for the challenges of the future in a small-school environment with access to all of the advantages and resources of a college campus. The CALC maximizes dual enrollment opportunities, enabling students to earn a minimum of 24 college credits, at no charge, with the possibility of earning a full associate degree while still in high school. CALC graduates will be well prepared to advance to Indian River Community College, pursue two and four-year degree programs and/or move directly into the workforce with high-tech skills. The CALC engages high school sophomores, juniors and seniors in highly personalized activities using cutting-edge technology to gain important skills for the future.