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2014-2015 Alameda Community Learning Center School Profile

The Alameda Community Learning Center Mission Statement:

The Alameda Community Learning Center is an educational model that empowers all youth to take ownership of their educational experience, to celebrate their diverse community, and to actively participate as members in a democratic society.

School and Community

The Alameda Community Learning Center (ACLCLC) is a vibrant, democratic public charter school for grades 6-12 located in Alameda in the San Francisco Bay Area. Alameda is a suburban island community between the urban centers of Oakland and San Francisco. Our learners, drawn from across the island and from our neighboring urban communities, reflect the wide ethnic and socio-economic spectrum that exists in the Bay Area.

The Alameda Community Learning Center was founded in 1995 and in 2001, received charter school status within the Alameda Unified School District. In 2007, The Alameda Community Learning Center was named a California Distinguished School, the first charter school in Alameda County to receive this recognition. For the last three years *US News and World Report* named ACLCLC one of the best schools in America. In 2009, ACLCLC received a six year accreditation term by the *Western Association of Schools and Colleges* (WASC). In 2010 the ACLCLC petitioned for and received independent charter school status making it an entity chartered by, but separate from, the Alameda Unified School District.

The Alameda Community Learning Center provides a unique and vigorous college-preparatory alternative to traditional education. ACLCLC has a particular instructional focus on accelerated learning, honors, and college preparation within a technology-rich/project-based learning program. One of the most unique aspects of the ACLCLC is its method of governance and focus on democracy, which substantially empowers learners (students), parents and facilitators (teachers). ACLCLC has a Judicial Committee comprised of six elected Judicial Committee clerks who listen to cases of minor learner offenses and mete out consequences for learner infractions. Leadership learners at ACLCLC take on real-world tasks such as implementing the annual ACLCLC Constitutional Convention and coordinating an overnight camp for our new learners. Two learners, elected by their peers, also serve on the Alameda Community Center Governing Board, comprised of facilitators, parents and local community members. The Governing Board acts as the primary governing and decision-making body of the Alameda Community Learning Center.

ACLCLC offers University of California approved **Honors** level courses in **Biology, Physics, Pre-Calculus Spanish, US History, Government and English (only English 3HP and 4HP are granted added value)**. The ACLCLC offers no AP level courses; however, on a space available basis some of ACLCLC learners access AP level courses offered at the neighboring high school. Learners are encouraged to accelerate and enrich their educations by concurrently enrolling in college-level courses at the local community college and at

other colleges. To meet the individual needs of learners, the ACLC offers special support including literacy courses, academic support courses, tutoring courses, and Special Education.

Staff

The ACLC has 19 facilitators, 1 full-time counselor, a part-time college and career counselor and a resource professional. All of our facilitators are fully credentialed and meet NCLB requirements for highly qualified teachers. Our staff has strong subject matter knowledge and 5 faculty hold advanced degrees. On average, our facilitators have 12 years of experience in education. The faculty learner ratio is seventeen to one.

Grading System

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
A	4	Excellent
B	3	Good
C	2	Average
NC	0	No Credit

Five units of credit are given for a passing grade in each subject per semester. Honors courses are weighted by multiplying each grade's value by 1.25. For example: A = 5.00 grade points and so on. GPA. is based on a weighted cumulative grade point average. All subjects, grades 9-12, are included as well as high school level math and foreign language courses taken in middle school. Because of its small size, the ACLC does not rank by GPA.

Graduation Requirements

The ACLC graduation requirements are aligned with the University of California "a-g" admissions requirements. 230 semester credits are required for graduation.

Required courses for ACLC Graduation Include:

English	40 credits
History/Social Science	30 credits
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	30 credits
Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2)	30 credits
Foreign Language	20 credits
Visual and Performing Art	10 credits
Physical Education	20 credits
Current Life Issues	5 credits
Electives	35 credits
College Level Elective	10 credits

In addition to the graduation requirements listed above, learners must demonstrate an understanding and mastery of the ACLC "Learning to Learn" skills that include time and task management, research skills, effective presentation skills, whole team performance, leadership skills, community service, systems thinking and technological skills. As an additional graduation requirement, learners must create an electronic graduation portfolio in the form of a Web page which includes a reflective essay providing evidence of learner achievement relating to the graduate profile standards. Finally, in addition to passing the *California High School Exit Exam*, in order to graduate each ACLC learner must complete at least one college class, a semester internship, 20 hours of community service per year, and a Senior Project which improves the Alameda/ACLC community, and pass the. The ACLC had a 100% graduation rate for their 2013-2014 graduating class. On average, 90% of graduating seniors go attend four-year colleges and universities in the Fall after their graduation.

Learner Demographics

Ethnicity	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska native	2.5%
Asian	21.8%
Pacific Islander	0.6%
Filipino	5.3%
Hispanic	13.4%
African American	9.0%
White	47.0%
Two or more races	9.0%

48% female 52% male

10% qualify for free and reduced lunch

Class of 2014 -Averages-SAT

Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
582	578	558

Student Achievement

The Alameda Community Learning Center has earned an API raw score of 869 and a statewide rank of “8”.

Colleges Acceptances

University of California: Berkeley, Los Angeles, Davis, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Riverside, Irvine, Santa Cruz, Merced

California Sate Colleges: San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Chico, East Bay, Humboldt, Monterey Bay, San Diego, Cal Maritime, Sonoma, San Jose, Sacramento, Fresno, Northridge, Long Beach

Out of State or Private: Brown University, Claremont Colleges, Harvard, Stanford, Oberlin, University of Massachusetts, University of Pennsylvania, MIT, Smith College, Mills College, Vanderbilt, New York University, University of Oregon, University of Denver, Wesleyan, University of Washington, Manhattanville College, Evergreen, Beloit College, University of Miami, Northwestern University, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, School of Art-Chicago, Philadelphia University, University of Southern California, Emory University, University of Chicago, St. Johns College, University of Tulsa, Miami University, Davidson College, Wake Forest University, Hamilton College, Marymount University, Dominican University of California, University of the Pacific, University of La Verne, Loyola Marymount University, Marquette University, Drexler University, MICA, St. Mary’s College