SEPTIMA P. CLARK CORPORATE ACADEMY

A CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
In PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOL

Program Description and Admission Requirements

Overview

Septima P. Clark Corporate Academy (Clark) is a program designed for high school students who have not reached their potential in a traditional school setting. Clark's small size and 10 to 1 student to teacher ratio allow the faculty and staff to give students the individual attention they need to succeed. ***Credits (along with attendance and discipline) earned at Clark are transferred to the students' home schools. Upon graduation, students receive a diploma from their home school.***

Admissions Criteria

- A desire to attend Clark in order to successfully complete high school.
- A commitment to the Clark philosophy and respect for the faculty and staff.
- A commitment to attending every day.

Additional Resources at Clark

In an effort to provide for individual student needs, Clark emphasizes the following:

- **Computer Assisted Instruction** will be incorporated as a learning strategy in order to individualize student instruction, provide credit recovery and allow students to earn credits more quickly.

- **Tutoring** is coordinated through Community In Schools (CIS), an organization providing on-site support to Clark students. In addition, teachers at Clark are committed to providing the extra support students need to be successful.

- **Personal Growth and Development** is achieved by having students participate in a variety of activities that will enhance their personal growth and development. These activities will include topics such as self-esteem, values, communication, decision-making, interpersonal, relationships, and family living. These activities will be infused into many aspects of the program.

- **Mental Health Support** is available through Communities In Schools. An attempt is made to provide the services that each student needs to become a successful student as well as a successful member of the community.

Septima P. Clark Corporate Academy Application

The application will not be processed with out the following documents attached.

- Copy of birth certificate and Social Security Card
- South Carolina *Completion of Immunization* form
- Current 504 Plan or IEP (if applicable)
- *Home* School Agreement

Student Information

Student Name			
Date Of Birth		Gender	

Street Address	
City and Zip Code	

Ethnicity (please check one)

Black	White	Hispanic	Asian	Other

Parent/Guardian Information

Name(s)	
Address (if different from student's)	
Relationship to Student	
Best Phone #	

Phone Numbers

Home Phone	Student's Cell	Mother's Cell	Father's Cell

School Information

Current Home School	
CCSD Zoned School (if different)	

Previous High Schools (if any)	
Middle Schools Attended	

Send completed application to: Septima P. Clark Corporate Academy
1929 Grimball Road, James Island, SC 29412
Phone: (843) 762-2774 of Fax: (843) 762-6218

Before an interview can be scheduled, the following documents must be sent to Clark from the student's home school:

- Complete discipline and attendance records
- Current 504 plan or IEP (if applicable)
- Copy of state and/or standardized test scores
- Official statement from home school that the student does not owe any fees.

Interviews will be held to assess the following:

- An understanding of what it takes to succeed at Clark, including attendance requirements and behavioral expectations.
- A desire to accept responsibility for some of the circumstances of his/her past.
- The ability and willingness to either ride the bus or provide consistent and reliable private transportation to school.
- The desire to participate in credit recovery classes.
- What support structures in and outside of school the student will need to be successful.

Students should be prepared to answer the following questions at the interview

1. Why are you interested in Clark Corporate Academy?
2. Where do you see yourself in five years?
3. Describe a time you have had to change in order to be successful.
4. Describe a problem (attendance, behavior, academics) that you have had in the past and what you can do to make sure that you do not have the same problems at Clark.
5. Describe a person you look up to and why.
6. Describe one situation in which you made a bad choice, and a second situation when you made a really good choice.

Courses presently enrolled in your Home School:

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The Application is not complete until the Home School Agreement on the next page is submitted

Home School Agreement

Students who attend Clark remain enrolled at their home school, which retains significant responsibility towards them. In order to attend Clark, home schools **must**

- Agree that in the event that students do not meet Clark's academic, behavioral or attendance requirements, students can return to their home school.
- Agree that students who attend Clark are entitled to participate in school activities like sports, clubs, prom and graduation at their home schools. The requirements to participate in clubs, sports and activities can not be different for Clark students than for other students.
- Accept that Clark is designed as an acceleration program and therefore students might complete their high school requirements faster than if they stayed in their home school.

Name of School and Name of Principal	

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree with the Home School Agreement outlined above.

Signature of Principal	Date