

The 3R'S

Relationships

We believe that the quality of the relationships in our school has a tremendous effect on the quality of the learning that happens here. At CBPLA, we respect each student, maintain open communication with the administration and build strong relationships with teachers. Additionally, the family is involved in the educational process and connections between responsible adults from the community.

Relevance

We believe that the projects and work students do at their school must be relevant to their lives, their needs and their passions. Learning must hold meaning for each student. However, without first establishing strong relationships with our students, we cannot know what will be relevant to each student.

Rigor

We provide challenging in-depth opportunities for students to engage in meaningful learning. CBPLA's students pursue knowledge because they are genuinely interested in learning about the topic. Seeing a student stay up late reading a book and then writing a paper on it that he assigned himself, that is rigor.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of CBPLA is to rigorously challenge the diverse Camden City student population as they forge relationships with the community and pursue their passions in the real world through internships.

CBPLA Student Goals:

- Aspire to be passionate and creative lifelong learners
- Prepared to take responsible risks
- Problem solve and think critically
- Consider divergent perspectives
- Become an independent and interdependent professional
- Support the growth and development of the community
- Exhibit moral courage, integrity and respect
- Communicate effectively
- Be inspired to enjoy the professional work environment



THE LEARNING THROUGH INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Learning Through Interests (LTI) component is the primary vehicle for each student's learning. LTI allow students to personalize their education, and provide a practical avenue to gain problem solving skills, and knowledge that will help them succeed in college and in the real world.

STUDENT LEARNING SCHEDULE

CBPLA students come to school four days a week. During this time students develop strong relationships with their teachers while doing meaningful work, which is focused on the school's learning goals. On Wednesdays, students are assigned a mentor and are engaged in internships (LTI), where they become skilled in real world situations. We do not prepare students for particular careers, rather we are training our students how to think and function in the real world.

We have a culture of high expectations, high quality work, and rigorous learning; but the three R's must stay together. We achieve high levels of rigor because we first build strong relationships and make students' work meaningful to them. At CBPLA, we help students develop the capacity, skills and ways of thinking that will promote success in college and build their desire to learn more



Q: What type of school is CBPLA?

A: Interest and Career Exploration is the school's focus. Upon enrollment, students identify their interest and pursue them by engaging in rigorous work in the surrounding community.

Q: What kind of curriculum does the school utilize?

A: Each CBPLA student has a personalized curriculum that is tailored to meet his or her academic, social, and personal needs. New Jersey's content standards as a guide, the student, his or her family, and the student's advisor work collaboratively to define the curriculum.

Q: What is the class size?

A: CBPLA offers a small learning environment, where the teacher to student ratio is 1:15.

Q: How are students evaluated?

A: CBPLA students do not receive traditional grades; rather they are authentically assessed using exhibitions

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