

What is KCC all about?

KCC serves approximately 1150 students daily in two sessions, with students coming from the six comprehensive schools, the alternative schools, charter schools and students who are home schooled. Students must have successfully completed six credits to apply for enrollment at KCC. The primary mission of KCC is to provide students with the opportunity to explore a variety of careers represented by the 26 different programs. More than a few students receive entry-level skills or even industry certifications and actually begin their careers at KCC if they find the right fit for their aptitude and academic inclinations. Students who complete a program with a B or better, and have the teacher's recommendation, may be placed in a work environment through our OJT program that allows students to experience a career in a real world setting. All students who successfully complete a semester at KCC will receive solid vocational/technical instruction, and will also receive 1 1/2 elective credits that count towards graduation from the Anchorage School District. Currently, 24 of our programs also grant 1/2 academic credit in the areas of math, science, English, health, geography, economics or social studies.

What kind of student does well at KCC??

Students who are academically gifted, as well as those who are struggling to find validity in education can find success at KCC. Many students have academic ability but lack a solid work ethic and a positive attitude to go with it. Students who are willing to accept guidance and develop those traits along with the skills taught in each of our programs find great success at KCC, and frequently find employment and enrich their lives as a result.

How many students are enrolled at KCC??

There are approximately 1150 students in two shifts, with a reasonably equal division of approximately 625 students per session.

What are the advantages of KCC??

Longer time blocks for instruction.

KCC has well-trained and dedicated staff with extensive industry experience.

KCC has well-equipped and supplied shops and classrooms.

Limited distractions from the educational focus...i.e. athletics, dances, etc.

KCC has a smaller student population.

What are the disadvantages??

Instructional time spent in transit from home schools.

Students only come for a semester at a time and may not develop a sense of school community.

How would a KCC program fit into the new Eagle River Area High School??

Offer introductory programs that are part of a career pathway leading to existing programs offered at KCC.

Offer programs that are not currently offered at KCC that could be taught in a classroom setting. Examples would be Careers in Law Enforcement or Criminology, Alaska Process Industries, or Marine Technology,

Offer classes that respond to short-term employment trends in the state of Alaska.

Examples would be nursing or entry-level medical positions, or different certifications in the area of technology that lead to employment, such as A+ certifications, or Cisco Academies.