

## Welcome to Calo Academics

Welcome to Calo's fully accredited school, and thank you for considering entrusting us your child's education. Calo knows that getting an education is crucially important to your child's eventual transition into adolescence and young adulthood. I'd like to summarize for you how we will work with your child in school.

### **Our accreditation with AdvancEd,**

AdvancEd is the same organization that accredits most public and private schools in the Midwest, ensures that credits your child earns here at Calo will transfer to your local public or private school when your child returns home. Because our school runs year round, we are also able to help your student recover credit and, in some cases, recover grade levels. Finally, because we are accredited we can offer high school diplomas for older student who can graduate from high school.

### **At Calo, we are goals driven.**

For all of our students, our goal is for students to become productive citizens in their educational environment. Because we know that each student has different needs, each day, the teachers track goals to monitor for progress. Updates on goal progress can be provided by the lead teacher or academic administrative staff.

### **We will spend time getting to know your child.**

We will read and digest any testing that has been done with your child prior to enrollment at Calo. If your child has an IEP, we will review that and go over the goals of the IEP with our teachers. Finally, we administer Wide Range Achievement Testing (WRAT), a standardized test that we use to help us assess your child's skill and readiness for certain classes.

**Once we place your child in classes, she or he will attend school,** which is divided by gender: boys attend school in the morning from 8:20- 12:20; girls attend from 1:00 - 5:00. Within those time blocks, students attend four classes of 50 minutes. Students take classes scheduled Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday. On Fridays, students have , Art Class, Gym Class and Extended School Time (EST) to make up assignments or get extra help.

**We know that communication is very important to you.** We will use a variety of ways to keep you abreast of your child's academic progress.

- Your child will have a Lead Teacher, who will be your contact for Academics. The Lead Teacher will compile progress reports, grades, or comments from your child's teachers. The Lead Teacher will also write the academic portion of the monthly Treatment Team Summary.
- The parent portal, The Family Bridge, has a live feed of our online gradebook. Additionally, the Academic Administrative Assistant frequently sends updates on transcripts as well as quarterly grade updates. Finally, there are regular blog posts with updates on the Calo Academic Department.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions you have. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Abby Mayer  
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