



*Welcome to Horizons Laker Educational Center
Located at 172 West US Highway 54 in Camdenton, Missouri*

Purpose

As a department of Camdenton High School, Horizons Laker Educational Center provides alternative learning opportunities to meet distinct needs of high school students in our district.

Mission

The mission of Horizons Laker Educational Center is to inspire and empower a diverse student population to earn a high school diploma in a non-traditional setting.

Vision

The Horizons Laker Educational Center assists students in reaching their full potential as citizens. A respectful environment with a solution-focused approach helps develop students' tools for real-life situations. A student-centered approach to holistic education involving community partnerships helps students develop a positive self concept and post-graduation plan.

Educational Center Programs

Horizons educational program consists of four components:

- ◆ **Academic**
- ◆ **Career/Character/Community Development**
- ◆ **Missouri Option Diploma Program**
- ◆ **Work and Volunteer Program**

Horizons operates Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Academic Component

The academic component provides our students with the academic courses required for graduation. Teachers use a variety of instructional strategies that meet the various learning needs and styles of our students. Class size

is small and individualized to ensure student success. Many instructional strategies are utilized to create a hands-on learning environment. Teachers and students work together daily to personalize instruction. Through this cooperative process, students gain confidence in themselves. Academically, Horizons curriculum meets the Missouri Grade/Course Level Expectations and end-of-course (EOC) criteria, and coordinates with the regular high school curriculum. Students may be full-time at Horizons or transitional between Horizons and CHS and/or LCTC.

Career/Character/Community Development Component

The career/character/community development component (SUCCESS) helps students develop social and interactive skills that will assist them in becoming well-rounded, contributing adults in our society. Students are involved in problem solving, lateral thinking, community service, and small group activities. Also, students work on awareness of their career interests and aptitudes. They develop pre-employment skills such as locating jobs, filling out applications, resume writing, and interviewing.

Work and Volunteer Program

Horizons students receive high school elective credit for paid or volunteer work experience. The Work Coordinator helps students find jobs, if necessary, and monitors the work experience with the employer's input and evaluation of job performance. Horizons students can earn up to two credits a year for successful work experience and one credit for summer employment and/or community service.

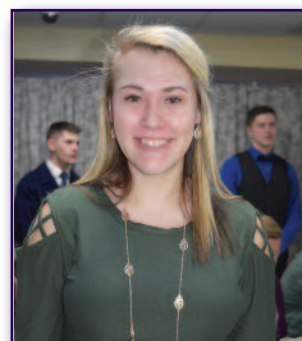


A primary focus of the Horizons Work Component is to expand our students' outlook on the world-of-work. The Work Program hopes to expose our students to permanent year-round jobs and careers. Our students vary in age as well as work experience. We look for job placement in areas such as construction, food service, clerical, banking, and sales. When a full- or part-time need is identified, a student can be selected to meet the need, or several students can be referred for an interview. For students to gain knowledge of employment skills, we are working with the Missouri Career Center. This is a valuable learning tool for our students and is consistent with our educational goals.



Missouri Option Program

The Missouri Option Program is targeted for a subgroup of students who have capabilities to complete high school requirements, but, for a variety of circumstances, are behind in credits needed to graduate with their class and are at risk of leaving without high school credentials. Students are required to study for a minimum of fifteen hours a week for the Missouri Option test until successfully completing the test. In addition, students are required to work and/or take classes fifteen hours a week while studying for the Missouri Option test and thirty hours a week after they have successfully completed the Missouri Option test. There are other specific requirements that the student must also meet. If the students meet all requirements, they will receive a high school diploma.



Horizons Laker Educational Center Director Allen Schwantes



Education:

B.S. Social Science Education	Central Methodist College Fayette, Missouri
M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis in Secondary Administration	William Woods University Fulton, Missouri
Ed.S. Educational Leadership	William Woods University Fulton, Missouri

Experience:

- 2001 - 2006 -- At-Risk Teacher, Eldon R-I School District, Eldon, Missouri
- 2006 - 2017 -- Social Studies Teacher, Camdenton High School, Camdenton R-III School District
- 2017 - present -- Assistant High School Principal/ Director of Horizons, Camdenton R-III School District

Memberships:

- Missouri Alternative Education Network
- National Alternative Education Association
- Missouri Association for Secondary Principals