

# A STATE OF THE ART FACILITY

The AALC lecture hall is one of many unique learning spaces found in the Advanced Learning Center...including project rooms, spacious classrooms, and informal learning spaces.

# **AALC**

Spearheaded by Dr. Peggy Clark,

Director of Intermediate and Secondary Education

and William Adcock, High School Principal, the vision of the Avon Board of Education to create an advanced studies center became a reality in the fall of 2010. The Avon Advanced Learning Center was a compilation of 4 years of work, moving from idea to completed construction. Currently over 600 students attend class in the AALC. Each student is exposed to a technology rich environment providing them the opportunity to experience learning in a collegiate type atmosphere as the district prepares students for learning beyond Avon High School.



**AALC** Website

http://advanced-learning-center.avon-hs.schoolfusion.us

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# Definition of College Readiness (EPIC)

AND SUCCEED- WITHOUT REMEDIATION- IN CREDIT-BEARING GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES THAT MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE. (CONLEY)

# POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- · SELF-ADVOCACY
- SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING
- SELF KNOWLEDGE
- RIGOR
- RELEVANCE

RELATIONSHIP



The Avon Advanced Learning Center (AALC) at Avon High School is a state of the art learning facility designed to provide seniors the necessary skills for successful entry into higher education or the world of work. The rigorous academic environment enhances the goal of making students self-directed learners, who are able to effectively advocate for themselves. The Avon Advanced Learning Center will focus on building students understanding of their strengths and weaknesses to better ensure success in the demanding and ever-changing 21st Century world.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

environment students' exposure to ubiauitous one-to-one computing provides access to resources, while developing an understanding of future expectations and issues, both positive and Student computer technicians support over 500 student laptops on a daily basis. Initial professional development for staff has been supported by ongoing staff support, "Tech Tuesdays", encouraging and supporting staff growth and classroom utilization.

# **GUIDANCE**

Implemented Naviance as a primary guidance tool for students, staff, counselors and parents. The guidance program Naviance provides a central resource for all stakeholders, focusing on: college search and selection, careers, college applications, and scholarships.



# PRIMARY SOURCES

- "College Knowledge" by Dr. David Conley
- "Making Grade 12 Meaningful" International Center for Leadership in Education (Dr. Wm. Daggett)



# PERSONNEL RESOURCES

- College Readiness Committee
  - Core Department Chairs, Guidance and senior counselor
- Staff Development Committee
  - Technology Integration Specialist, Instructional Coaches
- Student Advisory Committee
  - 32 students function in an advisory role during the 2009-2010 school year





# SENIOR ADVISORY

"Advisement begins with the premise that caring adults can play a significant role in helping students feel valued and connected to their education."

