# Credit Recovery at ALCS

## Our Online Credit Recovery Program: Apex

- Apex offers individualized instruction on a computer and through the Internet to promote student success.
- Since Apex is web-based, this program may be accessed from home or school, but we offer it as a part of a student's schedule.
- Common Core Standards are woven into the program.

## Why online?

- This is an alternative means to meet the needs of students who have not succeeded in the traditional classroom setting for whatever reason(s).
- The purpose is to first ensure that students have the means to graduate on time with their enrollment cohort.
- Through Apex, we have the ability to offer unit, quarter, and course recovery credit.
- This is a multimedia program that offers audio, video, images, and animation to create an active learning experience to keep students engaged.
- Additionally, we are exploring other online products.

#### How instruction is delivered:

- Student, parent, core content teacher, counselor, and administrator sign a contract
- Student is scheduled into the credit recovery lab
- Core content teacher approves the curriculum
- Lab facilitator works with student and core content teacher

### Additional advantages:

- Course delivery can be customized. This enables us to piece together, if necessary, a syllabus from different courses.
- There is real time grading that does not require any teacher grading, and there are teacher-graded assessments that can be added if the teacher requests to add them.
- An added benefit for the classroom teacher is that a teacher can be issued a login, and a course or pieces of one can be used in the classroom.

Online credit recovery's importance to a <u>school district</u>:

- Increases percentage of graduates
- Decreases percentage of dropouts
- Provides tools for alternate learning pathways:
  - self-paced recovery efforts
  - preliminary work for high school success
  - intervention protocol for AIS/Rtl services

## ALHS Online Credit Recovery History:

- Since the 2009-2010 school year, we have had 66 units of study successfully completed for credit recovery by 44 students.
- In the 2011-2012 school year, 8 of 10 seniors taking credit recovery were able to earn credit and graduate on time. The other 2 remained in school the following year.
- In the 2012-2013 school year, 4 seniors utilized the Credit Recovery Program. Two graduated 2 in June; one will graduate in January 2014.
- At the start of our 2013-14 school year, the program has 7 students currently enrolled in 12 classes for credit recovery.