
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD Center for Advanced Research & Technology (CART) Enrollment and Admissions

PURPOSE: To specify the enrollment criteria for entrance to CART.

Enrollment at CART will be voluntary. CART admission will not be attached to quotas based on home school district, home high school, gender, ethnicity, past school success or failure, special needs or any other criteria. Since students are recruited equally from all of the feeder high schools, CART's enrollment reflects the demographics of the feeder districts.

CART staff makes an effort to be inclusive in its recruiting efforts. Special recruiting efforts are directed towards disadvantaged students to ensure equal access to the CART program. CART is available to students with special needs including special education and English language learner students.

Special Education, English Language Learner, and students with 504 plans attend CART. Teachers are fully informed and are involved in all IEP/504 meetings. All necessary modifications and accommodations are implemented and are monitored by the student's home school case manager.

CART teachers are CLAD credentialed or have SDAIE certification. All teachers have received, and continue to receive extensive literacy training as part of the CART professional development plan. The training enables teachers to effectively assist students who are either English Language Learners or are deficient in their reading or writing skills.

Preference will be given to junior and senior students in any Clovis Unified or Fresno Unified high school; however, admission will be offered to any student in the State of California if space is available. CART staff may allow individual labs to enroll sophomores. If there are more applicants than spaces, a lottery will be held to determine admittance.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

CART is designed to meet the needs of a broad range of students. Students apply for admittance. Entrance requirements are:

- Successful completion of two years of English, Biology or Science 9 and 10, and Algebra One
- Regular attendance
- On track for graduation
- Permission of high school counselor **or site principal**

The CART staff willingly works with families and home school counselors to accommodate the needs of students. When students do not meet the entrance criteria yet the student truly desires to attend, the CART staff makes every effort to accommodate the student.

CART is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices and all other operations, does not charge tuition, and does not discriminate against a pupil on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender or disability. Admission to CART is not determined according to the place of residence of the pupil, or of his or her parent or guardian, within this state.