



ARKADELPHIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**CLARK COUNTY TASKFORCE EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE
KEY ISSUES
JANUARY 22, 2007**

- A. More counseling on technical fields available to students.
- B. Survey all existing employers for skills needed of new employees.
- C. Develop a survey to be completed by the three school districts in Clark County (Arkadelphia, Gurdon, and Centerpoint) on current vocational and technical course of studies offered in their districts.
- D. Survey both universities on what areas of study will also meet the needs of industries in the area of "white collar" jobs.
- E. Contact employment agencies to gather their data along with resources they could add to strengthen our efforts.
- F. All Clark County Partners, both public and private, to study the feasibility of building a two-year center for junior and senior years. Students from the three Clark County districts would be eligible to apply at the end of their sophomore year upon meeting the entrance requirements for their course of study. A possible name would be "Clark County Technology & Vocational Center."
- G. Possible Areas of Study for the Center: all aspects of health care, computer hardware and software, drafting, building areas, auto and diesel mechanics, metal trades, dairy science, cosmetology, tractor-trailer drivers; just to name a few. Note: Instructors for all related fields could be contracted from all educational institutions in our area.