

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Special Education

Vocational Evaluation Summary: Each year we offer each of our sending schools up to 15 vocational testing slots for students with disabilities. The testing helps us to identify the students' interest and aptitudes related to our career and technical programs (please see attachment). We are just completing the testing for ten of our eleven sending schools. After the testing, the reports are sent to the home school guidance counselors who then share the results with the individual students and parents. The results of this testing can be very valuable in determining appropriate program placements for our students.

Curriculum Development

Our curriculum development sessions for the second semester will be offered in a different format- current mid-day sessions will be replaced by "Curriculum Thursdays", offered on a voluntary basis from 3:00-5:00 p.m., biweekly, from February 2nd to June 1st. Instructors who choose to participate will be paid at the contractual rate for curriculum development work. Each instructor will be offered up to 20 hours of work to be completed during the remainder of this school year. Additionally, we will offer 20 hours of curriculum work to each instructor during the weeks of June 12th and/or June 19th.

Curriculum work will focus on these areas:

- finishing curriculum assignments that were previously outlined
- going on to a "Phase III" level, where we align curriculum with the PA Academic Standards for Career Education and Work
- Revising sequence charts based on this year's experience with our sophomore courses
- Other individualized projects

Student Gift Card Program

Our Holiday Student Gift Card collection effort was a huge success. The total amount collected from our staff was \$1,011. We also had a donation of \$75 from a Kmart manager bringing the total to \$1,086. The Foundation matched the amount collected by our staff. In all, we distributed 84 Kmart Cash Cards valued at \$25 to needy students. It was very rewarding to see the surprise and gratitude expressed by our students. See the correspondence in your folders regarding this effort. Thanks go to our employees, John Ogden and our Joint Operating Committee members for their generous board action.