

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Special Education

1. On Wednesday, November 16, 2005 we accompanied three of our instructional aides, Ms. Rosanne Gangemi, Ms. Ursula Olson Gern and Mrs. Nancy Dombrowski, to a workshop in Monroeville, PA. The topic of the workshop was Paraeducator Pointers for Career and Technical Education. The workshop covered topics from the different type of student needs to how to work with students through their best learning modality. The presenter was Michelle Wircenski from the University of North Texas. Ms. Wircenski is known across the country as a proponent for and trainer of special needs students in Career and Technical. The training was very beneficial for all of us involved.

Curriculum Development

1. Jan Kennerknecht and Patricia Palo attended the NOCTI Technical Workshop in Monroeville on Wednesday, November 16th. The purpose of the workshop was to learn about new developments in the administration of state-mandated testing of our senior "program completers".
2. We are in the process of testing our 10th grade students' math abilities using an Internet-based testing program developed by Scantron. Once completed, we will have an accurate assessment of the math skills our incoming students possess. This will help our math instructor to develop appropriate lessons that will support both their technical education at ECTS and home school PSSA preparation.
3. We have received a final DACUM report from our workshop facilitator, Lance Hummer. In this report, he has included a list of competencies, a sequence of instruction and recommended supplies and equipment for starting a program in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. The report and a cost estimate for equipment and supplies can be found in the Supplemental Information link.