

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Curriculum Development

1. We have begun our bi-weekly Curriculum Development sessions. Fourteen teachers are working to finalize various curriculum projects.
2. I accompanied Phylis Zimmerman, our Networking Technologies instructor, to Jeff Tech in Reynoldsville on October 18th. We toured their IT Academy and their new wing which is under construction. They utilize a "cluster approach", combining their Networking program with a Graphic Arts and Computer Programming program. Three instructors deliver the curriculum as a team. Brainstorming during the travel time proved to be valuable.
3. NOCTI testing is the vocational counterpart of PSSA examinations. The Pennsylvania Department of Education mandates that all program completers take a written and performance exam during their senior year. Mrs. Palo recently completed NOCTI pre-testing with our 10th graders. Pre-test results will enable our teachers to plan instruction so that these students will do well on the NOCTI testing in the spring of their senior year.

Special Education

1. Last Friday we met with our home school counselors to explain the vocational evaluations that are being completed for ninth grade students with disabilities who are considering career and technical placement for next year. We asked Val Leone, from Career Planning Associates, to speak to the counselors about the testing process. Our goal was to educate the counselors on how the students are evaluated and allow them to ask any specific questions that they had about the process or the results.