

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Special Education - On Monday, January 8, 2007 a workshop was held after school to view and discuss the DVD on Learning Disabilities by Richard Lavoie titled, "Beyond F.A.T. City". Seven employees attended this voluntary professional development. Act 48 credits were available for this activity.

We have met with our instructional aides to share with each other some of the great things that our instructional aides are doing to help meet the special needs of our students. Jeff Smith was very helpful in helping put together a central location in the Shares Drive, for the Instructional Aides to be able to access student profiles, disability descriptions, and quarterly grades for our student with disabilities.

ECTS Literacy Team

Our literacy team has met on three occasions to plan a faculty training on one the reading strategies that we have adopted. The training will be offered to our instructional staff during the lunch and plan periods. This is another attempt to keep the reading strategies that we have been trained in fresh in our instructors' minds.

Gifts for Kids Program - Donations from ECTS employees were taken from December 1 through December 18th, with a total of \$920 collected. With the matching funds from the ECTS Foundation, we were able to spend \$1840.00 on Wal-Mart gift cards. On December 21, 2006, we distributed (72) \$20.00 cards and (4) \$100.00 cards to deserving students.

National Accreditation

We have received notification that our Culinary Arts program has been approved by the American Culinary Federation Foundation (ACFF) Secondary Committee for program certification through December 31, 2011. A new certificate is on display in the front hallway and a letter is available for viewing at the Supplemental Information link.

Staff Development

1. NOCTI Prep Workshops - During the month of January, three one-hour professional development workshops were held to prepare our instructors for NOCTI testing. Eleven faculty members attended and were awarded Act 48 credit.
2. An Act 48-approved professional development activity was held on February 8th to provide information on using digital streaming video in our classrooms. Karen Baldwin from Intermediate Unit #5 demonstrated how to log on, search by title or topic, download and save streaming videos at no cost to our school. Seventeen faculty members attended this presentation.

Articulation Agreements - Our newest agreement is with Bryant & Stratton, with the closest campuses located in Cleveland and Buffalo. The value to our students equates to \$415 per credit. Students graduating from our Health Assistant program will be eligible to receive 12 credits (\$4,980 savings); Electrical Engineering graduates will receive 3 credits (\$1245 savings); Electronics graduates will receive 3 credits (\$1245 savings) and our Computer Information Systems graduates will be granted 15 credits (\$6,225 savings). Both Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees are offered at Bryant & Stratton. A copy of the agreement can be found at the Supplemental Information section of our agenda.