

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Special Education –

New Student Reviews- We are continuing to meet with our home school special education case managers, supervisors and counselors to discuss those students with disabilities who are interested in enrolling or who have already enrolled in a career and technical program for the 2008-2009 school year. The goal of these meetings is to develop a profile of these future students' needs and to identify the most successful teaching approach for our instructors to work with them most effectively. At these meetings we obtain the copies of the Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), the Evaluation reports and any other records that will help explain their disability.

Literacy-

ECTS Literacy – At the May faculty meeting we reviewed the progress that we have made with Performance Literacy Strategies with math and reading in our programs for the year. We talked about why we need to use even more time and energy in teaching our students the necessary reading and math skills. We reviewed what worked this year and what more we need to do to help students process and comprehend the theory and math of their trade area.

Curriculum Development-

DACUM Workshop- A curriculum development workshop was held for the Metal Fabrication program on May 8th and 9th at the Ambassador Conference Center. A panel of ten welders and metal fabricators provided input on skills required in the industry. Also discussed were worker behaviors, tools and equipment, general knowledge and future trends or concerns. A DACUM research chart of recommendations was produced and it will be shared with our Metal Fabrication occupational advisory committee in the fall. A draft copy of the research chart is included in your folders.

After School Curriculum Development Sessions- Teachers participating in the voluntary curriculum development sessions have logged over 200 hours total this spring. Our last spring session will occur on May 22nd. Additional time will be available in the two weeks following the end of the school year. Jan will provide an overview of projects completed at the June board meeting.