

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Curriculum Development

On October 29th, a half-day DACUM workshop was held to review the curriculum of our Auto Body Repair program. Five local industry representatives and three CTE instructors (ECTS, Warren and Crawford County) reviewed the new Pennsylvania Program of Study for Collision Repair and provided input for updating our program. Businesses represented included: Five Star International, Inc.; PPG Industries; Bonnell's Collision Repair and Lake City Paint & Supply. Four of the industry panelists have agreed to continue to advise us in the future by serving on our Auto Body Occupational Advisory Committee. Copies of the DACUM Research Chart are available for your review.



Special Education

Jan attended a special needs workshop conducted by Indiana University of Pennsylvania at the Northpointe Campus on November 5th. Audience members included CTE teachers, instructional aides, special education supervisors and administrators. Topics included: Special Education Concerns and Issues; Use of Paraprofessionals in the CTE Classroom; Test Adaptations and Breaking down Tasks for Students with Special Needs.

First quarter grades for all of our students with special needs have been e-mailed to special education case managers at all of our sending school districts. Approximately, 97% of our students with disabilities earned a passing grade for the first quarter. At this time, team meetings are being held at ECTS or the home schools to develop a plan for assistance for those who did not pass.

Literacy

Our Pennsylvania Literacy Network Team attended the second of five trainings on Tuesday November 16, 2010. The team was complimented by both of the presenters and some of the fellow participants on how our teachers have embedded literacy and numeracy into their day to day instruction.