

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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End-of-Program Testing

The month of April has been a very busy one for end-of-program testing. Joe Tarasovitch and Jan Kennerknecht are this year's NOCTI Site Coordinators. We have 221 seniors completing online multiple-choice tests consisting of 170-200 questions. They also are taking the performance portions of their testing this month in their labs. Performance tests consist of 5-7 different jobs that demonstrate their skill level. Local industry evaluators are volunteering their time to observe and evaluate each students' performance. As the evaluators arrive, Jan conducts an orientation, distributes the testing materials, reviews the test details and answers any questions. We've been pleased with the reactions of the evaluators at the end of the day; they report that they enjoy the experience. This is a great way to build our connections with local business and industry. NOCTI test results will be presented to the JOC at the May board meeting.

NOCTI Testing Support

All throughout the month of April, our instructional aides have rearranged their daily schedules to help support our students with disabilities who qualify for special accommodations in taking the NOCTI Exams. Because these students have been identified to have a specific disability, they are awarded special accommodations in taking the written and performance sections of NOCTI. These accommodations can include the reading of the test questions, the reading and clarification of direction and procedures, allowing the students extended time to complete the tests or with the written portion to just give these students an alternative site to take the test.

Literacy

Reading and Math Support - With all of our school district's PSSA testing coming to an end for this year, our part time reading and math coaches are already looking at the eighth grade PSSA scores of this year's sophomore class. We are again looking at the students who we feel we can help maintain or bring up to the level of proficiency in reading or math. We will be starting our benchmark testing of our current tenth grade students in both the reading and the math in May. We will use this data to determine who will be enrolled in next year's Standards Mastery Program for Math and Reading Support.