

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

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Dual Enrollment/Articulated Credits

Passport 2 College- We are working with staff from the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 to offer our students up to 6 free college credits through an on-line program with DeVry University. (DeVry is an accredited university with over 95 locations in the U.S. and Canada.) These credits may apply in one of two ways: as dual credit with school districts accepting them toward high school graduation OR for DVU credits only that would be transferrable to other universities. A sampling of the courses offered include:

- NETW 202 Introduction to Networking
- HIT 110 Basic Medical Terminology
- WGD 201 Visual Design Fundamentals
- PSYC 110 Psychology
- ENGLISH 112 Composition
- MATH 114 Algebra for College Students

Representatives from the IU5 and DeVry will attend our Advanced Training Day on October 18th to explain the program to interested students.

Special Education

Projections- At this time we have approximately 240 students out of our total of 800 who are identified as disabled and have an IEP or Chapter 15, Service Plan. This averages to 29% of our student body. Jan and Pat have obtained the vast majority of these students' records and are making this information available to our instructional staff.

New Technology- With the help of Jeff Smith we will soon be able to provide both our instructors and our instructional aides easy access to the Educational plans of our students with disabilities. Most importantly our staff will be able to read over the Specially Design Instruction sections of these documents.

In-Service Training- On Friday August 24th, our instructional staff will participate in a training in Specially Designed Instruction(SDI). The S.D.I. is the list of supports that each student with disabilities needs to be successful in the regular curriculum. We are fortunate to have Dianne Sobolewski as our presenter. Dianne has worked for the Pennsylvania Assistive Technology And Training Network(PATTAN) and has worked for the Intermediate Unit in Pittsburgh. She is currently an adjunct professor for Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Literacy

2012-2013 Literacy Initiatives- We are already reviewing the ECTS Literacy Initiative Action Plan for next school year. This action plan outlines what our instructors need to do in their classroom to help our students "make meaning from the text".