

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report
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Curriculum

Articulation Agreements: We recently had a guest speaker from Sullivan University (Louisville, Kentucky) visit our Culinary Arts program to present information about their culinary program. Several students expressed an interest, so we've developed two new articulation agreements.

One agreement offers 4 free credits for students who passed the National Food Safety Manager certification (CAM134, Sanitation).

Another agreement offers 10 free credits to students who meet specific criteria and can pass a skills and theory test with 80%:

- BFS106, Basic Culinary Skills (6 credit hours)
- BFS104, Basic Culinary Theory (4 credit hours)

Student Certification: On February 6th, twelve Precision Machining students took online certification exams from the National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS); eight students passed. Our students have the opportunity to earn 10 national certifications from NIMS over their three-year program at ECTS.

Special Education

Erie County Junior Transition Staffing meetings are being held at ECTS in February for several of our districts. These meetings provide an opportunity for school district special education case managers and supervisors to discuss individual student progress and anticipated plans for our junior students with IEPs. Representatives from governmental agencies such as the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Case Management Services will attend. Our goal is to identify those students who may require additional support with continued training or employment after high school graduation through these agencies.

Literacy

Our Automotive Technology instructors, Dave Michalak and Sam Steever are working with our part-time reading coach, Robin Grimes, to tackle longer essays using the "Process Approach to Writing." The goal here is for our students to learn a specific process to put a variety of ideas and thoughts together in a logical order.

(Please see the Supplemental Information section for an example.)