

HEALTH SERVICES

The nurses collaborate with teachers and administrators to promote wellness, and a safe, nurturing environment. Basic health services are provided to the students and staff on an ongoing basis. This process would include assessment, planning, nursing intervention and evaluation of day-to-day health concerns. This would include seeing those whom become ill or injured while at school or who may have a health concern they want to discuss.

Educational Service Unit 17 nurses provide health services to students and staff members of any school contracting for a school nurse. The services provided vary from school to school depending on the expectations, needs, and time available at each school.

The primary goals of school nursing include intervention to improve student health and promote healthy life styles, which, in turn, will impact student achievement and success. Nurses would also be able to provide training and assistance with the implementation of the "Attack on Asthma" protocol.

There is a realm of possibilities when considering a school nurses' role within the school setting. School nurses may be key members of the Crisis Response Team or the Workplace Safety Committee. They may be involved in Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) when the student has health issues. The nurse can create Health Care Plans for those students with ongoing medical issues so that staff is prepared. These plans may be for a student with diabetes, seizures, a tube feeding, or other similar issues. Training the staff in proper medication administration procedure, blood borne pathogen protection, first aid and CPR are key when trying to provide a safe environment. Under special circumstances, the school nurse may teach staff how to give injections on a daily or emergency basis, or how to catheterize a student. The nurses assist in the prevention of absenteeism every day. Last, it is the school nurses' commitment to identify any student who may have emotional needs or who may be suffering from some type of abuse or neglect. In this case, appropriate referrals and interventions are made.

TOTAL REVENUE: \$3,742,666

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$3,274,785

Dennis Radford

Administrator

Governing Board

The ESU #17 Governing Board met on the second Tuesday of each month at the Unit Office located at 207 North Main Street in Ainsworth, Nebraska.

2010-2011 Board Members

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Educational Service Unit 17

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**ESU 17 MISSION STATEMENT
ESU 17 IS COMMITTED TO PARTNERING WITH
OUR SCHOOLS BY PROVIDING SUPPORT AND
RESOURCES TO ENHANCE TEACHING AND
LEARNING**

ESU #17

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Brown, Cherry,
Keya Paha and Rock*



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Annual Report

2010-2011

ESU 17 provides this annual report for the 2010-2011 fiscal year as a brief description of all areas of service to our member schools.

ESU 17 provides services in a four county area consisting of Brown, Cherry, Rock, and Keya Paha counties.

The ESU 17 Advisory Council meets four times yearly to discuss and review ESU services. State statute requires the Advisory Council to give direction in prioritizing Core Services by demonstrating a two-thirds majority approval of the districts served that represent over 50% of the student population.

This annual report meets Nebraska Department of Education requirements. Rule #84 subsection 03.03 states "An annual written program report on the various programs of services to the schools for the past year shall be provided by each Educational Service Unit to the Educational Service Unit board, member school districts, and State Department of Education."

CORE SERVICES

STAFF DEVELOPEMENT

ESU 17 hosted and/or supported numerous training opportunities for educators during 2010-11, including MAP Administration Training, The Leader in Me, 8th Grade Career Day at NECC, Nebraska Association for the Gifted Conference at Valentine, MAP Stepping Stones to Using Data, Alignment to National Academic Standards, MAP Academy training of Trainers, NWEA Regional users Meetings (2), Crisis Team Training (Levels IV and VII), Nebraska Career Connections (2), BMIT Workshop, NDE Chats, NeSA Alternative Assessment, Differentiated Instruction, Data-Informed Decision-Making, 21st Century Skills for Teachers, and Leadership Greatness.

Additionally, several educators were involved with the Perkins Grant Design Team Educator Series (1 and 2), which took place in Norfolk. This series focuses on partnering teachers with students in technology-based projects.

Onsite continuous improvement assistance was provided in the areas of data, curriculum revision and alignment, learning climate, and external visit preparation.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS DEPARTMENT

The ESU 17 Media Center enhances the instructional programs of its member schools through its distribution of print and non-print resources and provision of web based information retrieval sites. During the school year of 2010-11, the ESU 17 media van driver travelled 6,578 miles delivering 15,703 requested resources to our member schools. In addition, ESU 17 educators accessed PowerMediaPlus – Media on Demand offering 13,436 times- giving ESU 17 a yearly resource usage total of 29,139.

Workshops and special offerings conducted by the ESU 17 Media Center staff during the 2010-11 school year include: Spring Buy Preview Process; Subject Bibliography creations- 149; World Book Power Pack and Visual Thesaurus online subscriptions with trainings; Beginning year in-services; Star Lab set up and trainings- 3; Lamination for ESU 17 staff, member schools and community- 253 feet; New acquisitions- Books- 65; DVD -168 and Kits-2; Spiral binding for ESU 17 Media Center guides and

community requests- 256 units; Media Center newsletter, homepage and online catalog updating; Instructional Materials affiliate chair and NNNC Fall Media presentation.

COMPUTER SERVICES

The ESU 17 Technology staff provides technical support and training in the schools and at the Tech Center on East Highway 20 in Ainsworth. A total of 102 workshops serving 233 staff members and 348 students were held during the 2010-11 school year. Workshops included: Clickers, SmartBoard, Garageband, Animoto, Audacity, Angel, Web 2.0, 21st Century Skills, iPod Touch, Pages & Keynote, and various other educational software applications. ESU 17 staff also conducted workdays for area school staff members who are submitting NSSRS reports and E-rate applications.

ESU 17, as part of the NNNC consortium, provides broadband Internet access and video services for schools through Network Nebraska.

The Technology Center staff is currently maintaining more than 360 Internet accounts. School web pages and email accounts are hosted on a server owned by the NNNC consortium (ESUs 1, 2, 7, 8 and 17). Teacher web pages are hosted on servers at the Tech Center in Ainsworth.

ESU 17 also provides Internet content filtering services, a web based calendar system, a podcasting and blogging server, iPod lab, a Wiki Server, support for Internet and distance learning video equipment located in the schools, network support, computer repair and troubleshooting.

FEDERAL PROGRAMMING

The Carl Perkins Grant provided \$25,920 to the ESU #17 Perkins Grant Consortium. Since July 2008, ESU #17 has partnered with ESU #1-Wakefield and ESU #8-Neligh in the formation of a Northeast Nebraska Perkins IV Collaboration [NNP4C]. The goal of the NNP4C is to work collaboratively in promoting 21st century teaching and learning opportunities for the school districts that are served.

Specific components of the 2010-2011 program year included the continuation of a Design Team comprised of career educators and school counselors who will assist in formulating long-range goals and a 5-year implementation plan. Activities included the Northeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership, 8th grade career day at Northeast Community College, Apple Briefing at Omaha, Nebraska, Design Team iPod and MacBook Pro training, Leadership

Greatness training, and continued support for educators attending professional conferences.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

E.S.U. 17 participates in statewide Cooperative Purchasing, a buying consortium that mass purchases school supplies and equipment for Nebraska school districts and State Colleges. Because of the huge volume involved, school districts have been able to realize dramatic savings of tax dollars when participating in the program. In calendar year 2010, ESU 17 schools purchased \$110,076 worth of goods and services through their statewide cooperative purchasing service.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Children between the ages of 0-21 are eligible for special education services if they meet state verification guidelines.

ESU 17 provides special education services to students and schools in the areas of speech, resource, school psychology, assistive technology, transition, and supervision.

Early Intervention and service coordination finds services for families to help meet the needs of children below age three. The services coordinator provides assistance in services to families to meet developmental, educational, financial, health care, respite care, and other needs of children.

ESU 17 employs 20 special education staff. Services are provided to all schools in the ESU #17 area. Program supervision is a support service provided to the schools to provide effective supervision and to provide consulting and guidance to special education services.

ESU 17 financial services are available to all schools in the ESU area. Final financial services, IDEA Poverty/Enrollment, and Medicaid in Public schools are examples of support to school districts.

ESU 17 uses the Student Record System, which provides consistency in documentation to meet state and federal requirements on a web-based service.

ESU 17 provides training opportunities to area teachers and parents. Workshops for 2010-11 included two offerings of Love and Logic for parents in Valentine and Ainsworth. Love and Logic for teachers was presented for staff members in the Ainsworth Community Schools. Workshops on student behavior management, featuring Torri Smith-Tejral, were offered for three days to teachers and parents. Screenings for preschool children are offered for all children age birth to five. Children in local preschools and at kindergarten roundups participate in screenings.