

Educational Service Unit #15

ESU 15 offers a wide range of educational services as requested by the school districts. Below is a brief look at some of these services for 2014-15.

Administrative/Business Services

Highlights 2014-15:

- Serving 6 counties covering over 5000 sq. miles.
- ESU 15 & 16 joint Advisory Council meetings continue to be beneficial to both ESUs.
- Coop Purchasing provided supplies for 9 school districts.
- Completed 5-year Continuous School Improvement External Visitation
- Annual Audit was conducted.
- Hired 4 new staff members.
- Updated safety and security features at 2 buildings
- Purchased John Baylor Prep Program for all districts.

Media/Technology

- The 2014-15 focus was on creating an environment for teachers and students to easily communicate, learn and collaborate.
- The continuation of the PLC process provided a platform to build communication.
- Tech staff assisted every school in adopting Google Apps for Education. Google is used to establish communities for sharing ideas and creating best practices.
- Taking technology to the next level was also a target for the year. Tech trainings were implemented using the SAMR model.
- The technology department adopted offsite disaster recovery, enterprise level equipment monitoring for all schools.
- Assistance was provided in Erate category two to help bring school networks the newest and greatest technologies.

Professional Development

Focus Items for 2014 - 2015

- Continued to implement the PLC (Professional Learning Communities) for all nine schools with all grades and all subject areas - twice per year
- Provided a series of principal meetings
- Facilitated Marzano Instructional Strategy In-services
- Provided NWEA-MAP training to districts
- Provided funding for career & technical education course development through Perkins
- Continued support to the NE Teacher/Principal Evaluation Pilot
- Provided updates to districts regarding NeSA-R, NeSA-M, NeSA-W and NeSA-S
- Provided technology training - Google
- Implemented the RTI (Response to Intervention) process in districts
- Provided training specific to AQuESTT
- Facilitated training for identifying essential learnings
- Organized PLC Training with a Solution Tree Presenter for all 9 districts
- Organized PLC training for administrators and teachers in Phoenix with Solution Tree
- Provide support for the Continuous Improvement Process
- Continued support to the Advisor Pilot
- Presented at the AESA Association of Educational Service Agencies in San Diego, CA
- Presented at the NE State School Board Association Conference

Distance Learning

Highlights 2014-15:

- ESU 15 participated in the Southwest Nebraska Distance Education Network.
- ESU 15 provides .40 FTE DL Assistant
- ESU 15 received new video equipment through SNDEN USDA Grant.
- ESU 15 Board of Directors held meetings by videoconference from October through March.
- Supported SNDEN on legislative issues.

Special Education

Highlights for 2014-15

- Focused on new federal "Results Driven Accountability" (RDA) initiative by assisting all member districts to write a Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP).
- Applied for and received numerous grants related to increased staff development for local district and ESU 15 staff that will improve student learning.
- Technical assistance for districts regarding special education issues...attendance at many IEP meetings
- Early Childhood staff received Routines Based Intervention (RBI) training that helps improve outcomes for infants, toddlers and small children.
- Received new technology that will aid professionals in the identification of students with hearing loss.

SPED Transition Highlights

- assisted with transition plans
- provided career education
- organized job exploration opportunities
- held career fair at Mid-Plains Community College
- Involved in Statewide
- NDE transition practitioner team
- BIRSST team member for TBI students

Alternative Education

The Success Through Educational Partnership programs in McCook and Imperial:

- Served a total of 14 students during 2014-15
- 4 students received high school diplomas
- Computer curriculum provided and administered for:
 - Summer schools
 - Homebound students
 - Credit recovery or enrichment
- One classroom was remodeled to increase student space.

Services Coordination

SC received 37 referrals; serving 16 families.

Grants:

- Planning Region Team Supports/Change
- B-3 Early Development Network Services Coordination

Professional Involvement:

- Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (ECICC)
- Respite Advisory Board
- Partner with High Plains Early Learning Connections
- Nebr. Routine Based Early Intervention (RBEI) stakeholders group

Projects:

- PRT co- sponsored “Disability is Natural” with Kathie Snow
- Provided water bottles for “Walk In My Shoes” to raise awareness for children with disabilities
- Assisted with the Child Care Conference

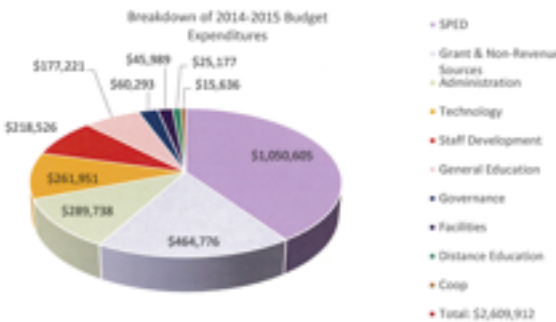
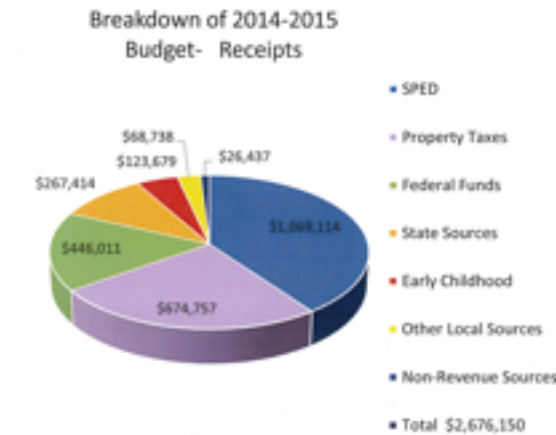
Migrant Education Highlights

- 3 projects hosted at ESU 15
 - ESU 15 area
 - Central Nebraska area
 - Quality Control and State Parent Coordinator (statewide)
- attended NDE and National trainings
- held Data Retreat
- provided instructional and support services
 - after school program
 - summer school program-
 - school readiness program (home based)
 - career exploration services
 - delivered healthy snack recipes
- held four statewide Parent Advisory Council Meetings via DL
- Held two local parent meetings
- Involved in Statewide
 - Needs Assessment Committee
 - Service Delivery Plan
 - State PAC work group
- Supplemental Support - provided materials, school supplies, clothing and nutrition to students
- Grant - NCLB Title I Part C federal program

English Language Learner Program Highlights

- held cooperative trainings with ESU 10
- helped schools implement Rule 15
- facilitated ELL committee meetings
- assisted with ELL data retreats
- provided guidance for ELL program review
- tested ELL students for identification or RTI purposes
- Involved in Statewide
 - NDE professional development for ELL leaders

2014-15 Budget Receipts/Expenditures



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Mission: Educational Service Unit 15, as a partner with our area schools and communities, will provide leadership and services to support the improvement of teaching and learning.