

Educational Service Unit 11

ESU 11 is an intermediate agency providing supplementary educational services to K-12 school districts.

Staff Development

The Staff Development department works cooperatively with individual schools to initiate, plan, coordinate, and support staff development activities and programs.

Gifted Education

The High Ability Learner Education (HAL) department works with member schools to provide for individual student needs and the development of extraordinary ability and potential. Services provided include consultant services, program development, and teacher in-service, both directly and indirectly through local and state workshops, programs, committees, and activities. The coordinator also identifies students and provides hands-on student activities for individual schools. Unit-wide opportunities such as Summer Honors, Quiz Bowls, Future Problem Solving, Invention Convention, Battle of the Books, Rural School House Enrichment, etc. are provided.

Technology

The Technology department works to ensure smooth operation of the wired and wireless networks throughout the coverage area as well as other critical infrastructure services. Additionally, technology personnel consult with individual schools on projects and other technology initiatives, as well as Universal Service Fund filings.

Technology/Curriculum

This department works with member schools to assist with the utilization, proper use, and integration of technology into the schools and curricula, both on-site and indirectly through local, regional and state workshops, programs, and activities.

Media

The Media department offers an array of services and instructional materials to enhance the classroom and engage learners on a new level. ESU 11 offers an extensive digital video library through Learn360 as well as numerous videos available on DVD. Equipment items are also available for checkout, including a portable planetarium, RealCare babies, and a variety of Makerspaces equipment. Other services available include laminating, bookbinding, large format printing, ID badge printing, and 3D printing. Teachers can also tap into their creativity in the Teacher Work Center, where they have access to Cricut machines, die cuts, and a vast selection of vinyl paper.

Special Education

Program Supervision

- Assistance with the completion of all special education reports including final financial reports, policies and procedures and the standards review process required by the Nebraska Department of Education.
- Access to professional staff development programs to update and train school district personnel on issues related to students with special needs.
- Administration of and support for ESU 11 special education professionals who deliver direct services to students and districts.

School Psychology

School Psychologists provide assessment and evaluation for students birth to age 21 who have been referred for special education. Consultation and inservice to school district personnel and parents is also an important role in the services to school districts.

Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapists provide related services to children birth to age 21 who qualify according to the student's individual education plan. Support is also given to students, families and school personnel to enhance the child's education and foster independence.

Speech/Language Pathology

Speech Language Pathologists provide services to children who qualify for special services in the areas of speech communication, language, voice and fluency. Assessment and consultation services are additional services available.

Transition

Transition services and activities provide appropriate vocational assessments, job shadow and extended work experiences, student workshops, business and industry tours, parent workshops, staff development, and interagency collaboration and support.

Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood special educators, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, paraeducators, and service coordinators work together to address individual needs of children and provide comprehensive services to children birth to age 5 who qualify for special education.

Behavior/Mental Health

Behavior/Mental Health Consultants provide support services for students who may benefit from assistance for mental health or behavioral issues. The service works collaboratively with administration, staff, families, and outside agencies to support student's needs while in school.

Resource

Provide specific programming that addresses individual needs for school-aged students at the student's home district. This inclusive delivery model increases collaborative community relationships for student success.

Educational Service Unit 11 Annual Report of the Governing Board September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018 Fiscal Year

The ESU 11 Board is comprised of ten representatives from an eleven county area, that are included in the 13 area school districts served by ESU 11. Each board member's term of office is four years and he/she serves without compensation.

The Board of ESU 11 meets once a month to act on matters that are brought before the Board. The Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month and normally begin at 7:00 p.m. between the months of April and October and 5:00 p.m. between November and March. The Board meetings are held at the ESU 11 administrative office building located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska.

The name and area represented by the members who are currently serving on the Board of ESU 11 are as follows:

David Fleischmann, President	District 9
Richard Phillips, Vice President	District 6
Kevin Breece, Secretary	District 3
Kim Scoville	District 1
Craig Philips	District 2
Mary Oman	District 4
Gary Smidt	District 5
Linda Leising	District 7
Nate Stineman	District 8
Machelle Havenridge	District 10

The following are ESU 11 leadership team members:

Dr. Greg Barnes, Administrator
Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development
Lona Nelson-Milks, Director of Special Education
Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator
Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator
Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant
Alex Wyatt, Technology Consultant

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Educational Service Unit 11
ESU 11 serves approximately 920 staff members, 4,735 K-12 students, and 320 pre-school/early childhood students in 13 public school districts.

Serving

Alma, Arapahoe, Axtell, Bertrand, Cambridge, Elwood, Eustis-Farnam, Franklin, Holdrege, Loomis, Minden, Southern Valley, Wilcox-Hildreth, All Saints Catholic

