

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, and Enrichment activities, 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 numerous videos available on DVD. Equipment items are also available for check-out, 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.

Behavior/Mental Health

Behavior/Mental Health assists students with behavioral and/or mental health needs. This service works collaboratively with educational team members, families, and/or outside agencies to support students' needs while in the school setting.

Early Childhood Education

In cooperation with the Early Development Network, early childhood services deliver support to parents and educational intervention to help children meet developmental milestones. These comprehensive services are available to children birth to age five who are eligible for special education.

School Psychology

School Psychology assists in the identification process for students birth to age 21 who have been referred for special education and support in the areas of behavior and mental health. Collaboration with school district personnel and parents is also an essential role in the services to districts.

Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy is a related service for students birth to age 21, as identified through the student's individual education program (IEP) process. The focus of the service is to enhance the student's education and foster a level of independence.

Speech/Language Pathology

Speech and language services concentrate on communication areas including language, articulation, voice, and/or fluency for students birth to age 21. This service can also aid in broadening areas of academic and functional needs.

Transition

Transition services and activities emphasize learning opportunities that center on post-secondary success and the development of independence. These services are implemented following federal and state guidelines during the school year a student turns 16.

Resource

Resource services provide individualized special education programming that addresses school-aged students' needs within the student's resident district.

Educational Service Unit 11 Annual Report of the Governing Board September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021 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:

Kim Scoville	District 1
Craig Philips	District 2
Chris Erickson	District 3
Mary Oman, Secretary	District 4
Gary Smidt	District 5
Richard Phillips, President	District 6
Linda Leising	District 7
Nate Stineman	District 8
Galen Kronhofman, Vice President	District 9
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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ESU 11 serves approximately 920 staff members, 4,634 K-12 students, and 320 pre-school/early childhood students in 13 public and 1 private school districts.

Serving

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

