



February and March Director's Report

NEO Adult Education

Student Enrollment and Performance

NEO Adult Education has 205 students enrolled; we are at 71% of our contracted enrollment goal, up by 19 students at the same time as last year. 69% are in the ABE (Adult Basic Education) program and 31% are enrolled in the ESL (English as a Second Language) program.

NEO Adult Education is at a 62% achievement gain, just shy of our goal is to be 64% by June 30.

Mrs. Munguia has assisted 1 more student in becoming a US Citizen in March.

3 more students took and passed the ParaPro test and are now eligible to work as a paraprofessional in a school. These students also acquired a WIN workplace readiness certificate in areas of Applied Mathematics, Graphic Literacy, and Reading for Information: Workplace Documents. Three more students are continuing to work towards completion of this same certificate course and will be testing in April.

NEO's 7 Work Indiana EKG students (enrolled onsite at the Medical Career Academy) completed the EKG class and passed their certification exam.

Program Updates

NEO's adult education program was approved to launch two Certified Business Professional classes as part of our Integrated Education and Training (IET) offerings- Business Etiquette/ Customer Service and Business Communications. These will be launched in April.

New Vistas High School

Student Enrollment and Performance

New Students: There are currently 240 students enrolled at New Vistas. 37 students have enrolled since February 15. Five are returning former NVHS students; the rest are new students from regional high schools.

Term 2 Graduates: 17 NVHS earned their high school diploma in Term2. 7 are cohort grads, 4 are 5th year grads, 2 are early grads, and 4 are 6th year and beyond grads. A recognition celebration will be held in April.

Term 2 Attendance: Term 2 was a stellar term for attendance- breaking all previous rates. Way to Go NVHS team (staff and students!)

TERM 2 NNVHS ATTENDANCE								
	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	Incrs.
December	83.25%	86.21%	83.85%	83.96%	83.25%	86.90%	90.48%	109%
January	75.51%	80.31%	81.81%	75.49%	77.15%	85.23%	92.01%	122%
February	75.75%	79.14%	85.98%	77.37%	78.04%	89.05%	91.44%	121%
March	79.02%	83.33%	84.49%	79.36%	83.34%	88.56%	94.44%	120%
Term 2 Average	78.38%	82.25%	84.03%	79.05%	80.45%	87.44%	92.09%	
Lowest	Highest							

Diploma Plus: We had 4 potential candidates for this dual enrollment/dual credit pilot program offered by NEO and Ivy Tech. Of these, 2 of the potential candidates enrolled in NVHS as they only needed a few credits and will finish this term. 1 potential has not responded to follow-up calls and 1 is working on the Ivy Learn program to become college ready. We will work with Ivy Tech to launch another recruitment round in May.

Dual Credit: 3 students received a qualifying score on Accuplacer for English dual credit

Program Updates

E-Learning: NVHS was approved by IDOE to offer e-Learning Days for the 2018-2019 school year for making up days when school was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are finalizing plans to offer one non-scheduled day as an e-Learning day this year and will have this in place for next year, thus removing the need to build-in “snow days” to our 29-20 school calendar.

Summer School 2019: We submitted our intent to run a Summer School this summer. We are not obligated to do so if we do not have the targeted number of students (15).

School Improvement Plan: We are working with consultants from Equitable Education Solution to analyze data and implement school improvement initiatives.

Student Office Workers: NVHS students continue to participate in our student office worker service-based learning opportunity. Currently, four students are participating and gaining valuable workplace skills. According to Austin Dosen, this opportunity has not only taught him many office skills but has made him more confident in dealing with people. Mrs. Dix has been a great supervisor and mentor. In addition to these students, Michael Perry enjoys his five minutes of fame when does the Monday morning announcement accompanied by his choice tune on his “Mike in the Morning Show.”

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Mrs. Nicholas and the NVHS Student Council members ran the second blood drive on March 17 yielding 45 registered donors (many from the community), 38 pints of blood and 114 lives saved!

Phoenix Club: Students in NVHS’s communications club are conducting student interviews to be posted on the school’s Facebook pages and learning about new technology and streaming podcasts.

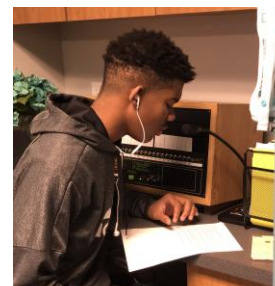
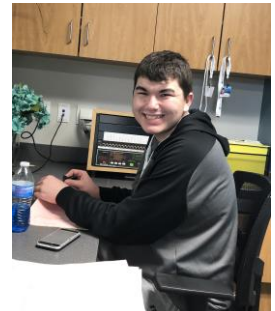
Personnel/ Professional Development

New Staff:

- Sandra Reid is one of New Vistas new Paraprofessionals. She has a bachelor’s degree in Communication and Political Science and six years’ paraprofessional experience.
- Monica Carrillo-Klein is New Vistas’ other new Paraprofessional. Her bachelor’s degree is in General Studies and she has four years’ experience in educational support.
- Anita King and Tracy Layton-Dosen have joined the NEO team to split the PM desk clerk position (2 nights each).
- Erin Lewis has accepted the 2019-2020 Special Education Coordinator position - (Mrs. Nicholas is retiring).

Professional Development:

- Anna Swope participated in the following webinars:
 - o PowerSchool District Support for School Turnaround
 - o Education Week "Professional Ethics: It’s Rarely About Right or Wrong ."



- Developing a Relationship-First vs. Rule-First Environment
- Research-Based, Trauma-Responsive Education Practices

-New Vistas' Math and English teachers participated in professional development training through Edmentum to learn about which reports are best for show growth, how to use specific data points, and how to use Study Island to support the needs of students based on the test data.

-Mr. Pryor and Mrs. Swope attended an IDOE sponsored training on the development of Professional Learning Communities.

-NEO Adult Education hosted a Region 1 Professional Development event on Friday, February 22. Approximately 40 ABE (Adult Basic Education) and ESL (English as a Second Language) administrators, teachers, and staff participated in this event. The trainings were led by NEO's Adrienne Carrol and Amelia Boggess and CWI's Lynn Pergher.



Financial Updates

NAP: We closed out the current NAP grant on March 31, 2019. We ended up selling 75% of our allocated credits. We had a balance of \$2,555 credits (\$5110 in donations). This means that we are not eligible for NAP credits for next year. This is a loss as these do provide an external incentive for giving.

PayChex: NEO has contracted with PayChex for payroll and HR services (beginning on March 22.)

Porter County Community Foundation: NEO received a \$10,000 grant from the Porter County Community Foundation to upgrade our computers and other instructional technology.

IDOE School Improvement Implementation Award: New Vistas was awarded \$38,228 in a School Improvement Implementation award to fund the school improvement initiatives we've identified to increase graduation rates, credit attainment, attendance, and college and career readiness.

Student Profile

Nathen Ferrell attended Portage High School for three years. He decided to transfer to New Vistas in hopes of a better opportunity to graduate and start his life. He has really enjoyed his time at New Vistas and claims that his experiences here have significantly helped him get set for his future. Nathen is one of our term 2 cohort graduates and has already enrolled in the Army and is set to deploy in May and will be getting training on working with computers.

REMINDER

Next Board Meeting

