

January 2019 Monthly Directors Report

This was an exceptionally short month due to winter vacation and 5 cancelled days of school due to weather. NEO cancelled PM classes on January 22 and all classes on January 25, 28, 29, 30, and 31. Our calendar had built in 2 snow days. The additional make-ups will be held on February 18 (President’s Day), March 8 (records day) and June 12.

NEO Adult Education

Student Enrollment and Performance

Enrollment: As of January 31, 176 students are enrolled in NEO Adult Education. We are at 60% of our contracted enrollment goal. One third of our students are enrolled in our English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

Performance: NEO Adult Education is at a 59.89% achievement gain. Our contracted goal is to be at a 60% measurable skill gains by the end of the program year. However, our internal goal is to meet or exceed our 64% rate we achieved last year. 15 students have earned their high school equivalency (HSE) diploma with many more scheduled to take the test in February.

Work IN: In January, seven NEO Adult Education students began their EKG Certification Training Course through Medical Career Academy and one student completed his Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) certification course and passed his certification tests through Drive Co., all through NEO’s Work Indiana Grant. **Work**

IET (Integrated Education and Training): Two of NEO’s English as a Second Language (ESL) students completed the Para Professional Prep IELCE and received a WIN workplace certifications.



High School Equivalency Testing

11 students took the HSE test at NEO in January. 8 Passed.

New Vistas High School

Student Enrollment and Performance

Enrollment: Total enrollment as of February 11, 2019 was 218. 58% were from Porter County and 42% from Lake County.

Attendance Rate: the attendance rate for January was 92%.

Credit Completion Rate: The actual credit completion rate for term 1 was 73.8%, a slight decrease from the projected rate reported in December Director’s report. Here is the corrected chart.

12-13 T1	13-14 T1	14-15 T1	15-16 T1	16-17 T1	17-18 T1	18-19 T1
72%	56%	75.6%	73.2%	67.7%	74.2%	73.8%

Program Updates:

Juvenile Justice Jeopardy: NVHS students who are on Form 16 now participate in the Juvenile Justice Jeopardy offered in conjunction with the Porter County Juvenile Service Center. The program uses the jeopardy game platform to engage students in important conversations about the juvenile justice system and the potential consequences of their actions; students learn to focus on their behavior and apply the lessons to situations familiar to them.

Diploma Plus NWI: NEO has solidified plans with Ivy Tech Community College to offer the Diploma Plus NWI program that is a new approach to the dual enrollment/dual credits model that currently exists in many high schools. The concept is the same, but this program will be delivered at the Valpo Ivy Tech campus and is for adults 22+ years of age who need fewer than 12 credits to graduate from high school. NEO's New Vistas High School will cross-walk high school credits with college credits to provide a pathway to high school completion while students are simultaneously earning college credits. The orientation for this is scheduled for Tuesday February 19 at 5 PM at NEO. (flyer attached)

NVHS Student Profile:

Stephen D. is our student of the month. Stephen comes to us as a junior from a local private parochial school where he had attended since kindergarten. After his mother passed last year and due to additional circumstances related to this loss, he enrolled in New Vistas. He said that New Vistas has helped him see education in a different way. He attributes his success to the teachers here who are passionate about what they teach and go out of their way to help. After completing high school, Steven plans to continue his education in college/trade school to study computers.

Personnel & Professional Development

Centier Bank is offering NEO employees 4 Financial Wellness Forums. The two held in January were on Budgeting and Credit. The two in February will be on Savings and Paying Down Debt. These have been well-attended, and reviews have been very positive.

Financial Updates

NAP: We have \$4,055 credits remaining (\$8110 in potential donations) to sell by the March deadline. These would be for the 2019 tax year.

Adult Education and Charter School Funding bills: There are several bills before the Indiana House and Senate that deal with funding for adult education and charter schools. Rebecca will present an update of these at the February Board meeting.

Community Connections

Rebecca attended the annual quarterly meeting of the Legacy Foundation Director's Meeting and gave a presentation about NEO.

REMINDER

Next Board Meetings:

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 8:00 AM

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