



August/September 2020 Director's Report

NEO Adult Education

Student Enrollment and Performance

Current enrollment in NEO's Adult Education program is 39- 28 in our adult basic education (ABE) classes and 11 in our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Close to half (48.7%) of our students have opted to "attend" class as a full virtual/remote learning student.

We have an additional 25 students who have registered but will not be counted as enrolled until they reach 12 hours of attendance.

Program Updates

Our pilot *Fast Track HSE* Program is a resounding success with a **100% graduation rate**. We have had 5 students take part in the 8 day intensive program and all have earned their high school equivalency (HSE) diplomas! We will be taking this model to our satellite programs as well in the weeks to come.

NEO is finalizing agreements with our regional partners to start our *satellite programs* in late September and October. To recap

- ESL class in Valpo at Project Neighbors starting September 28
- ESL class with Lake Station Community Schools starting in early October
- ESL class in East Chicago starting in early October
- ABE/HSE class at the Porter County Jail starting in early October
- ABE/HSE class at the Gary Area Career Center starting in early October

LaPorte School Administrators also have reached out to NEO about starting an ABE/HSE class in LaPorte. I will be meeting with them on September 23.

New Vistas High School

Student Enrollment and Performance

Fall *enrollment* on "count day" (September 18) for NVHS was **173**. This was 42 students less than our estimated and targeted enrollment of 215. 29 the students that had been in Power School in July were removed and not counted if they had not shown up or had any contact with the school despite numerous outreach efforts. Of the 174, 26 are virtual day students and 36 are virtual night students.

Program Updates

We have purchased and issued designated *devices* (Chromebooks and refurbished laptops) to the 55 students needed devices from the school. We used the federal CARES money for this.

New Vistas now has five *pathway options* for students:

Interactive Media	Business
Information Technology	Health Science
Advance Manufacturing	

New Vistas also has four *certification opportunities* for students:

Advance Manufacturing	Microsoft Office (MOS) Specialist
Adobe	ServSafe

If we can find a teacher for a Certified Nurse Aide program, we can add the CNA certification as a fifth option.

We have four *dual credit* opportunities

English 11
English 12

US History A & B
Spanish 3

Personnel/ Professional Development

Resignations:

- Lindie Jackson, NVHS Computer Science teacher. Jermel Nelson, NVHS Business teacher will absorb her classes.
- Crystal Williams, NVHS Algebra teacher. We have a long-term substitute in place but we're actively looking for a replacement
- Brooke Allen, NEO Communications and Development Director. Working on replacement plans.

New Hires:

- Sarah Rubio, PM desk clerk
- Marsha Halford, Food Service Coordinator

Open Positions:

- Part-time daytime (2 days) Adult Basic Education (ABE) teacher for Porter County Jail (remote for now)
- Part-time Adult Basic Education (ABE) teacher for Gary
- Part-time evening English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher, 2 nights in East Chicago, 2 in Lake Station
- Full Time High School Math Teacher

REMINDER

**Next Board Meeting
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
8:00 AM
In person at NEO**

If you require it, the meeting will also be available via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4299014747?pwd=S2R2Qvt0VTJEY0JKWE83cUtZYVFPdz09>

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