

NEWSLETTER

October 2021

Links To Important ESU 8 MTSS Information

Taken from Megan's Monthly Minute Newsletter

General TIP Information

Question about your TIP? Several informational videos to help you navigate through your Targeted Improvement Plan.

(<https://www.education.ne.gov/sped/ilcd/#1598397765878-be0cb9f3-57fb>)

Navigating The TIP

Link to the Nebraska Department of Education's ILCD guidance document.

(https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Navigating_the_Targeted_Improvement_Plan.2020-09-30.pdf)

ESU 8 MTSS Website

Videos, forms, and information about MTSS to help inform educators about the MTSS process. (<https://www.esu8.org/mtss-2/>)

ESU 8 MTSS Days: 21-22

Information on our upcoming training dates for the 2021-2022 school year to help guide and train your MTSS Team on the implementation of the MTSS process. (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16sbb1UhV-jWC3BjWYvd0M78EaamdsbcR/view>)

Fidelity Observations

Megan is available to observe and give feedback to teachers in order to help strengthen their teaching. She can provide an observation form or use one of your choice to fit your school's needs. She is also available for coaching.

(https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cZi_PT_ODp4CIGjm0bHm-RIUUaTp4F0y)



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Dates To Remember

Columbus Day

Monday
October 11th

ESU 8 Fall Break

Friday
October 22nd

Halloween

Sunday
October 31st

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 7th

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

MTSS Year 1, Strengthen The Core - Day 1

Tuesday, October 12 · 8:30am – 3:30pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A and B

MTSS teams who have begun implementation will work to strengthen core supports and Tier I strategies to intensify their knowledge and practices. Teams should include general education teachers, interventionists, instructional coaches, and an administrator. If in middle or high school, include a few teachers that teach in the area of focus for MTSS.

Lunch is being provided. Event Fee: \$20.00

Event Contact: [Steph Lundgren](#)

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 5th

LETRS – Multi-School Cohort

Wednesday, October 20 · 8:30am – 3:30pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A and B

The most important factor in student success is the teacher. LETRS® (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling), for K–5 educators, is an investment in their literacy knowledge and professional practice. Teachers gain essential skills to master the fundamentals of literacy instruction to apply and transform student learning.

Lunch is being provided.

Event Contact: [Steph Lundgren](#)

Title I Teacher Collaboration Meeting

Monday, October 25 · 9:00am – 3:00pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A and B

Title I teachers, ESU 8 staff, and NDE representatives will meet to collaborate about regulations, teaching strategies, and other needed information.

Lunch is being provided. Event Fee: \$20.00

Event Contact: [Steph Lundgren](#)

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 19th

Math Mindset K-2

Tuesday, October 26 · 9:00am – 3:00pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A and B

Learn how to empower and inspire students to see mathematics as a creative and open subject through messaging and instructional practices.

Lunch is being provided. Event Fee: \$20.00

Event Contact: [Heidi Rethmeier](#)

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 26th

NDE/ESU CIP Support Days

Wednesday, October 27 · 9:00am – 3:00pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A and B

Don Loseke, from Nebraska Department of Education, will be providing support on the continuous improvement process for districts.

Lunch will be on your own.

Event Contact: [Molly Aschoff](#)

Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 22nd

Math Mindset 3-6

Thursday, October 28 · 9:00am – 3:00pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A and B

Learn how to empower and inspire students to see mathematics as a creative and open subject through messaging and instructional practices.

Lunch is being provided. Event Fee: \$20.00

Event Contact: [Heidi Rethmeier](#)

Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 28th

2021 GOLD Workday

Friday, October 29 · 9:00am – 3:00pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A and B

This is an opportunity for Preschool Teachers, Speech Language Pathologists, and Early Childhood Special Education Teachers to meet and share tips/tricks for collecting and using GOLD data. Ruth Miller will provide updates on Results Matter and Rule 11 requirements. There will be AT LEAST 4 hours of time for participants to work on the Fall Benchmarks that are due on October 31st. Bring a laptop and your GOLD documentation.

Lunch is on your own.

Event Contact: [Ruth Miller](#)

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 22nd

ESU 8 Fall Break

Friday, October 22nd

All offices will be closed.

Echoes and Reflections



Echoes and Reflections is a teacher resource in SNAP.

Login to SNAP and click on this icon ...



Their mission reads: *Echoes and Reflections is dedicated to reshaping the way that teachers and students understand, process, and navigate the world through the events of the Holocaust. The Holocaust is more than a historical event; it's part of the larger human story. Educating students about its significance is a great responsibility. We partner with educators to help them introduce students to the complex themes of the Holocaust and to understand its lasting effect on the world.*

There are dozens of resources on Echoes and Reflections. Three of them are highlighted below ...



LESSON PLANS

There is a Lesson Plans page that is organized chronologically by major theme topics. The lessons are designed so that you can customize them for specific grade levels and subject areas. Each lesson has step-by-step procedures, an estimated completion time, labeled resources, and print-ready (PDF) pages that can be downloaded.



TIMELINE

The Timeline page is designed as a resource for students. It chronicles key dates in the history of the Holocaust from 1933 to 1945. Clicking on specific events provides more information and the primary source material.



VIDEO TOOLBOX

There's also a Video Toolbox page! On this page, there are videos that are about 15 minutes long to help teachers prepare for class. These videos can also be viewed by students, and discussion questions are provided for either independent or group learning.

ESU 8's Life Skills Program and Behavior Program

ESU 8 has two Learning Centers one located in Clearwater, and one located in Norfolk. The Learning Centers are schools in which students aged 5-21 with significant disabilities can learn life skills, communication skills, and daily living skills.

ESU 8 is adding a Behavior School at the Clearwater Learning Center starting in January 2022 for students in grades K-6.

There is a process to follow to enroll a student in the Life Skills Program or the Behavior Program. The students must be on an IEP. There is an application for each program on the [ESU 8 website](https://www.esu8.org/learning-centers/) (<https://www.esu8.org/learning-centers/>)

Contact Toni Arehart (tarehart@esu8.org) or Ruth Miller (ruth@esu8.org) if you have a student who may benefit from a separate school setting to learn life skills or behavior skills.

NEW ESU 8 EMPLOYEES

We are pleased to welcome these new ESU 8 employees:

- Jamie Behmer, Licensed Mental Health Professional
- Claire Kayton, Professional Development
- Megan Dufek, MTSS-Multi-Tiered System of Supports
- Katrina Gotschall, Professional Development
- Kristin Hammon, School Nurse
- Jade Johnson, Speech Language Technician
- Tabitha Kester, Clearwater Learning Center Admin Assistant
- Leah Kohles, Speech Language Pathologist
- Rita Meyer, ELC Paraeducator
- Jeannie Napier, CLC Paraeducator
- Jaci Palmer, Instructional Technologist
- Terry Sanne, Clearwater Facilities Manager
- Bailey Saults, CLC Paraeducator
- Alexandra Siel, Licensed Mental Health Professional
- Jessica Staub, Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Paula Stevenson, CLC Paraeducator
- Brandi Van Ostrand, CLC Paraeducator
- Madison Voborny, Technology Technician
- Rachelle Ward, School Psychologist
- Whitney Zegers, Psychology Intern