

FEBRUARY 2022

NEWSLETTER



Educational Service Unit 8

2022 ESU 8 Academic Quiz Bowls

Will be held at the ESU 8 in Neligh!



The **2022 Quiz Bowl for Grades 9-12** will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd and the **2022 Quiz Bowl for Grades 6-8** will be held on the following day, Wednesday, February 23rd. Both will begin at 9:00am with an estimated completion time of 12:30pm. Both Quiz Bowls will be limited to twenty teams, selected according to the registration date and time. Cancellations will be filled with the waiting list teams, according to their registration date and time.

CTE Perkins/Refresh Workday

Tuesday, February 1 · 9:00am – 2:00pm

ESU 8 Multipurpose Room in Neligh

Time will be given for a brief discussion about chances for Perkins V. The rest of the time will be used for your teams to work on the PERKINS V ReFRESH process. Please bring a copy of your 2020 CTE Local Summary and make sure that you have an administrator on your team. *We will use the Multipurpose Room North. You are free to leave when your team feels as though your work is completed.

Contact Katrina Gotschall (kgotschall@esu8.org) with questions or concerns. Lunch will be on your own. The registration deadline is Thursday, January 27, 2022.



2021 ELA Standards Workshop Elementary, Day 2 Of 2

Monday, February 7 • 9:00am – 3:00pm
ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

This is a 2-day workshop series to explore the new Nebraska English Language Arts Standards including instructional vision, instructional shifts, high quality materials, and implementation. The ESU 8 Professional Development Team will be presenting.

Lunch is being provided and the event fee is \$20.00. Contact Steph Lundgren at stephanie.lundgren@esu8ne.org if you have questions or concerns.

Flyer Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IqZu4ySjLEa4DtYqw_s0kkpVklSJcX1/view

Music Teacher Collaboration

Tuesday, February 8 • 9:00am – 3:00pm
ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

Music teachers will collaborate to learn lesson ideas, teaching strategies, and updates from ESU 8. A catered lunch is being provided and this event fee is \$20.00. Steph Lundgren (slundgren@esu8.org) is the presenter and the contact for this event. Please register by Tuesday, February 1st.

Early Childhood CLASS

Friday, February 11 • 8:30am – 12:30pm
ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

This four (4) hour training provides a basic understanding of the PreK CLASS tool, its various uses, the domains, and the teacher-child interactions to deepen CLASS knowledge and understanding. Colleen Schmit will be presenting.



Lunch will be on your own. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Claire Kayton at ckayton@esu8.org.

View the flyer at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QQFOO1fDpg8xfZH_UbDnmuBIq-5JMVdWk/view?usp=sharing

2021 ELA Standards Workshop Secondary, Day 2 Of 2

Wednesday, February 9 • 9:00am – 3:00pm
ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

This is a 2-day workshop series to explore the new Nebraska English Language Arts Standards including instructional vision, instructional shifts, high quality materials, and implementation. The ESU 8 Professional Development Team will be presenting.

Lunch is being provided and the event fee is \$20.00. Contact Steph Lundgren at slundgren@esu8.org if you have questions or concerns regarding this event. Flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IqZu4ySjLEa4DtYqw_s0kkpVklSJcX1/view

MTSS Year 2 Build Your Interventions – Day 2

Tuesday, February 15 • 8:30am – 3:30pm
ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

MTSS teams will learn how to make their decision rules for the types of decisions that need to be made to implement interventions. The team will develop a plan for progress monitoring and goal setting, collecting observation and fidelity data, receive guidance on setting goals and applying their decision rules, and procedures for intervention delivery.

A catered lunch is being provided and there will be a \$20 fee for each participant. Please register by Tuesday, February 8th. If you have questions regarding this event, contact Megan Dufek at mdufek@esu8.org.

ESU 8 Principal Assembly & Data Dig

Wednesday, February 16 • 9:00am – 2:00pm
ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

ESU 8 Principals will gather to discuss important topics and review data. Please register by Wednesday, February 9th. ESU 8 Staff will be presenting.

A catered lunch is being provided and if you have questions or concerns regarding this event, contact Molly Aschoff at maschoff@esu8.org.



LETRS – Neligh-Oakdale

Monday, February 21 • 8:30am – 3:30pm
ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

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. Steph Lundgren will be presenting.

A catered lunch is being provided and if you have questions regarding this event, contact Steph at slundgren@esu8.org.

LETRS – Multi-School Cohort

Monday, February 28 • 8:30am – 3:30pm
ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

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A catered lunch is being provided and if you have questions regarding this event, contact Steph at slundgren@esu8.org.

The 2022 ESU 8 K-12 Art Show Will Be LIVE and in Person Again!

Friday, April 8 – Monday, April 11

After last year's virtual event, the 2022 ESU 8 K-12 Art Show will be held in person at the Antelope County Ag Building in Neligh. Artwork will be hung and judged on April 7. Doors will be open to the public and school groups from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily April 8-10. On April 11, high school students and their instructors are welcome to view the show. At 10:00 am that day, high school groups will hear a critique of the show.

Art teachers, please watch your inboxes for registration information. All others, please mark your calendars for a visit to this impressive show!

If you have any questions, please contact Steph Lundgren, slundgren@esu8.org or 402-887-5041 ext. 1231.



ESU 8 Mental Health Program

ESU 8 will be managing the Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Program being offered through the Nebraska Department of Education. The goal is to develop and maintain a Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Program to be supported by the Nebraska Department of Education with a three-year grant. This program will provide support to all school districts in Nebraska, so school districts can better support the mental health needs of students and school staff.

The Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Program has the following requirements:

- Attend the Mental Health Institute hosted by ESU 8
- Conduct a needs assessment (universal screener)
- Develop and implement an action plan
- Partake in technical assistance calls/meetings
- Participate in the SHAPE Assessment (data collection)
- Report on process through a final success sharing report and presentation
- Share data and success stories for others in the cohort
- A team of 3-7 school personnel to include an administrator, a counselor, a school psychologist, a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (if applicable), a school nurse, a teacher, a parent, and a student

Each school personnel who attends the three-day Mental Health Institute will be provided a \$150 stipend. Also, each school personnel who attends all the monthly Technical Assistance Meetings will be provided a \$150 stipend. Districts will be able to choose **two** of the following to help sustain and create their teams:

1. The purchase of a universal screen for students – Limited to \$5 per student that will be screened. Please check with your school psychologist or mental health practitioner for assistance.
2. Telehealth Equipment – up to \$2,000
3. The purchase of evidenced based curriculum, for example – Second Step – up to \$10,000
4. Reimbursement **OR** Additional time with an ESU 8 Mental Health Provider (must already be established with an ESU 8 Mental Health Practitioner) – Up to \$30,000
5. Tier 2 Interventions – Small group interventions – Up to \$10,000
6. The development of calm corners – Up to \$6,000

Contact Ale Siel at asiel@esu8.org or 402.887.5041 (ext. 1258) if you have questions regarding this program.

ESU 8 Available Positions

Below is a list of the positions that are available within the ESU 8 organization.

- Early Childhood Teacher
- Licensed Mental Health Professional
- Paraeducator (Norfolk and Clearwater locations)
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Substitute Paraeducator (\$11.00/hour)
- Substitute Teacher (\$115/day)
- Translator English/Spanish

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for any of these positions, visit <https://www.esu8.org/employment/> to complete an application online. You may also call us at 402.887.5041.