

March 2022



Newsletter

Educational Service Unit 8

New Teacher Academy Day 3 of 3

Tuesday, March 15

9:00am – 3:00pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

New Teacher Academy is designed to provide support, instruction, and an opportunity for cross-district collaboration for new teachers. Please bring a device. A catered lunch is being provided.

Please register by Tuesday, March 15, 2021. Claire Kayton (ckayton@esu8.org) will be presenting and is the contact for this event.

Transition IEPs for Grades 7-12

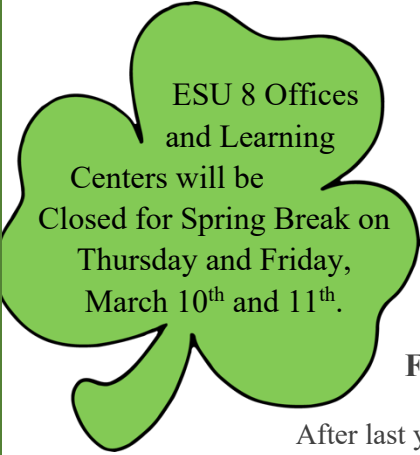
Wednesday, March 30

9:00am – 3:00pm

ESU 8 Conference Room A/B in Neligh

Amy Slama will be the presenter for this event. Participants will learn how to write Transition IEPs for students in grades 7-12. Assessments, goals, and transition activities will be shared. Lunch will be on your own. There is a \$20 fee for each participant.

Please register by Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Ruth Miller ruth@esu8.org is the contact for this event.



ESU 8 Offices
and Learning
Centers will be
Closed for Spring Break on
Thursday and Friday,
March 10th and 11th.

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

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.



Daylight
Saving
Time Begins Sunday,
March 13th!

The 2022 ESU 8 Quiz Bowl Results

High School

The 33rd Annual ESU 8 Academic Quiz Bowl was held in Neligh on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Twenty High School teams from across ESU 8's seven county service area were registered to compete. However, due to weather conditions two schools, Verdigre and Wheeler Central, chose not to make the trip.

The competition was limited to twenty teams and began with "pool play" where four teams, on a blind draw, were assigned to one of five rooms. The four teams in each room were matched against each other, guaranteeing three matches for every team. The 1st and 2nd place teams from each room moved on. That ten-team list seeded the single-elimination bracket.

Summerland was the 3rd place winner, 2nd place went to Norfolk High School, and our Senior High Quiz Bowl Champion is Lutheran High Northeast! Lutheran High Northeast and Norfolk High School will represent ESU 8 at the Nebraska State Academic Quiz Bowl in Hastings on April 27, 2022.



Grades 6-8

The 33rd Annual ESU 8 Grades 6-8 Academic Quiz Bowl was held in Neligh on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. Twenty teams from across ESU 8's seven county service area were registered to compete. However, due to weather conditions three schools, Plainview, Verdigre and Wheeler Central, chose not to make the trip.

The competition was limited to twenty teams and began with "pool play" where four teams, on a blind draw, were assigned to one of five rooms. The four teams in each room were matched against each other, guaranteeing three matches for every team. The 1st and 2nd place teams from each room moved on. That ten-team list seeded the single-elimination bracket. The teams not advancing returned to their school.

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Congratulations to all the teams!!



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.

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(ext. 1258) if you have
questions regarding this
program.

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

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