

2007-08 Recommendations from Innovation Labs Workshop

1. Move from a (K-6, 7-12) structure to a (P-4, 5-8, 9-12) setting.
Rationale:
 - A. Allows greater flexibility in assigning present staff
 - B. Reduce high school positions and/or increase distance education
 - C. Use present staff to cover 2007-08 vacancies
 - D. Increase percentage of staff teaching in endorsed areas
 - E. Self-contained environment for learning
 - F. Length of classes more age appropriate
 - G. Integration between academic subjects
 - H. Utilization of endorsed certificated staff
 - I. Flexibility in scheduling of daily classes
 - J. Character education as emphasis at this level
 - K. Reduce frequency of disconnected students and potential drop outs
 - L. Continuity in 5-8 academic standards based curriculum/programs
2. Expand special programs to meet the needs of our students and other students in northeast Nebraska.
 - A. Laurel/Coleridge Pre-School in Laurel
 - B. Newcastle/Wynot Pre-School in Newcastle
 - C. Level III Special Education Autism Program in Coleridge
 - D. Level III Special Education Vocational Education in Laurel
 - E. High School Credit Recovery Program (Alternative Education) Coleridge
3. Expand distance education/college credit for high school students
4. Suspend new textbook purchase for 2007-08 and use current textbooks and use library and computer resources.
5. Coleridge and/or Wynot will offer the entrepreneurship class to coordinate business/school partnerships for all four school districts.
6. Reduce .5 FTE administrator and 4.5 FTE teachers and move to a shared services model.
7. Use present staff to expand elementary programs in Guidance/Health/Spanish.
8. 7-8 extra-curricular programs.
 - A. Club sports supported by school districts
 - i. School provides coaches/uniforms/schedules
 - ii. School provides transportation
 - iii. Newcastle/Wynot students may practice together and play on the other team if schedules permit
 - iv. Coleridge/Laurel students may practice together and play on the other team if schedules permit
 - v. In the fall and spring, JH students from Coleridge would ride to Laurel during 8th hour Physical Education and picked up after regular route.
9. Allow students from Newcastle/Wynot to attend classes at the other site.
10. Rescind the overrides at Newcastle and Coleridge for the 2007-08 school year.
11. Staff meeting on March 26th to finalize classes for the 2007-08 school year.
12. Host joint board meeting on March 26th to finalize 2007-08 administrative contracts.