

Area School Districts - Learning & Support Services

Community Education

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Concurrent Enrollment Partnership (CEP) Agreements – College Advantage Program

The College has CEP agreements with 16 area school districts (19 high schools) including:

Chase-Raymond, Claflin, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Great Bend, Hays, Hoisington, LaCrosse, Larned (including Westside School at Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility), Lorraine Bushton/Wilson).Lyons, Otis/Bison, Pawnee Heights, Russell (Lucas-Luray/Russell), St. John, Victoria,

The agreements provide provisions for managing Barton's on-site concurrent education program (College Advantage) at each site. The institution served an average of 350 high school students (unduplicated headcount) through this "jump-start" program during the 06-07 academic year.

The Kansas Board of Regents regulates Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships and in the past year has implemented new requirements, which Barton is addressing in preparation for the Regent's first state-wide concurrent education audit.

North Central Distance Learning Network (NCDLN)

The ITV network was established in 2003 with the assistance of a RUS grant. Initial partners included Lucas-Luray High School, Quivira Heights High School, Russell High School, Victoria High School and Wilson High School. Claflin High School joined in 2005. The network provides learning opportunities for high school students interested in jump-starting their college education as well as community members who are interested in the convenience of limited traveling and the assurance of "go" classes.

Students who utilize NCDLN for the College Advantage program have the opportunity to earn up to 18.0 credit hours. The schools currently in the network are small (primarily 1A schools) and the availability of this level of college coursework surpasses many of the College's other "jump-start" partnerships. All courses taught via NCDLN for the College Advantage student are instructed by members of Barton's full-time faculty.

Members meet at the College four times a year for network updates, policy adjustments and discussions.

Pending conversation, the network may be serving an additional high school (Ellsworth) beginning with the fall 2007 semester. The College served approximately 243 high school students (duplicated headcount) and 45 community members (duplicated headcount) via the ITV network in the current academic year.

Get Ahead Program – GAP

The College recognizes that learning opportunities need to be available in a variety of formats, locations and times. Nearly four years ago, the institution noted that enrollment in some afternoon campus classes was small or non-existent and decided to market these classes to high school students. The College promotes specific classes including general electives and career pathways to high school students throughout the service area. Due to distance, the majority of GAP students are from Great Bend; however, we also have students from Hoisington, Ellinwood, Quivira Heights, Otis-Bison and Claflin. A future goal for this program is to also include some of the honors courses.

Child Education Fair

This continuing education event, scheduled to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2008 provides training for child care professionals. On average nearly 200 professionals attend the one day event each spring. Beginning with the 2007 Child Education Fair, Barton is making an effort to service a new population of child care professionals – Kindergarten-Third Grade Teachers. This new approach should help the institution to further strengthen its partnership with area school districts and to reinforce the College's ability to serve a variety of training and learning needs.