

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
 Educational Service Unit 4, Auburn, NE
 2015-2016 School Year

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Activities

During the school year, ESU 4 provided, at a minimum, the following mandated and requested services: Technology and Media services, including internet connectivity and distance learning opportunities and support, media and software library services and support. Special Education services including, but not limited to: speech-language pathology, psychology, behavioral intervention and audiology services. Also, early childhood and learning disabled services and special education administrative services. The service unit has a certified nursing staff that works with staff, parents and students regarding health issues. Professional Development services include, but are not limited to: curriculum, instruction, standards/assessment planning and development, school improvement assistance and State and Federal grant projects. ESU 4 also contracts with the State of Nebraska to provide administrative, support, and educational services for the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) located in Nebraska City, NE. Several ESU 4 employees have worked and work as representatives on statewide and nationwide assignments. ESU 4 also chose to take advantage of a law, whereby insurance costs for the unit can be taken from the budget. This plan allowed ESU 4 to get cash buildup as well as a new building for the children's special education needs. A new building was built on the site the board purchased several years ago for this purpose. ESU 4 students and staff moved into the building and began classes in January 2009. Our students love the new facility. Teachers, para-educators and parents love the building as well. The ESU 4 Learning Center is located at 1109 R Street, Auburn, Nebraska. During 2011-2012, ESU 4 & ESU 6 agreed to provide data services to each district served by these two service units. The Digital Virtual Learning Group serves 26 school districts. The school districts are able to work together in providing services, purchasing technology and have a better utilization of technology.

Vision Statement

Courageously leading a dynamic revolution in education.

Mission Statement

The mission of ESU 4 is Impacting student learning through communication, accountability and leadership.

The mission is supported by the following belief statements:

- We believe honest and accurate communication enables quality services.
- We believe effective professionals are accountable.
- We believe leadership provides vision.

Area Served

Educational Service Unit 4 provides supplemental educational services to the public and parochial schools in Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties. These five counties are located in the southeast corner of Nebraska, encompassing a geographical area of 2,477 square miles. During the school year the student population in these counties was approximately 6,750; the number of teachers and administrators totaled approximately 740.

Board of Educational Service Unit 4

The Educational Service Unit Board consists of nine members from the five counties served. Term of office is four years.

Members of the Educational Service Unit 4 Board are:

Jim Cain, President	District 5	Jay Hauserman	District 4
Cheri Wirthele, Vice President	District 6	Allison Hayes	District 9
Faye Booth, Secretary	District 7	Leslie Stevens	District 1
Jeff Bacon	District 3	Lana Willman	District 2
Linda Engel	District 8	Kathy Taylor	Treasurer

Jon Fisher serves the unit as administrator. There are 70 staff members at ESU 4 and NCECBVI. The Board meets in regular session on the second Monday of each month, except July, at the ESU 4 Office, 919 - 16th Street, Auburn, Nebraska. Notice of these meetings is printed in the local newspapers. The meetings are open to the public.

Advisory Committee of Educational Service Unit 4

Educational Service Unit 4 is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and AdvancEd (2010 & 2015) and is served by an advisory committee composed of school superintendents, other administrators, and a representative from Peru State College. This group meets nine times per year and discusses educational issues, ESU 4 services, and professional opportunities for teachers and other district personnel.

Educational Service Unit 4 – 2015-2016

Summary of General Fund Expenditures (Budgeted)

Special Education Programs & Services to Schools	\$1,717,380.00
Support Services	\$1,031,040.00
Core Services (Staff Development, Technology, Media)	\$ 552,250.00
Non-Revenue Flow-Through	\$ 142,190.00
NCECBVI	\$3,084,495.00
Federal Programs	\$ 605,300.00

Summary of Anticipated Receipts (Budgeted)

Local Receipts	\$1,950,259.00
State Receipts	\$2,145,220.00
Federal Receipts	\$ 605,300.00
Non-Revenue Receipts	\$ 8,000.00
Other	\$2,423,876.00

Total \$7,132,655.00

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