

October 2024 Director's Report for September

NEO Adult Education

Student Enrollment

GOAL	Sept. 2024	Sept. 2023	Sept. 2022
204 by Dec. 31, 2024	128	111	85
23% of Region 1 AE Enrollment	38%	35%	25%

Program Updates

ELL Growth: Currently, English Language Learners (ELL) represent 42% of all AE enrollment. This is a significant increase from the 29% average of ELL over the past four years. It is worth noting that 50% of our ELL students are currently enrolled in NEO's East Chicago ELL class. Kudos to teacher JuliAnn Nisevich for this growth that has resulted in us adding additional classes at that site. The new hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Fundraising: The NEO Chipotle night was a success. NEO received \$94.56 from this event. This is a small step towards reducing student barriers to education, and we look forward to more small successes throughout the year.

PC Construction Day: Adult Ed teacher, Jim Pavelka, took three students to the Porter County Construction and Skills Trades Day on September 4. The students got hands-on information about welding, logistics, and other trades. See pictures on page 3 of this report.

New Vistas High School

Student Enrollment

GOAL	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
155 by October 1, 2024	139	129	128
165% by February 3, 2023,	TBD	153	151

On the first day of school, we had 110 students enrolled with New Vistas. Following an intensive September recruitment campaign, 29 additional students enrolled (9 returning students and 20 new students) bringing our Oct. 1 ADM count to 139. Of these, 81 are in-person day students and 58 are virtual students. This is an 8% increase from last year. See attached Recruitment document.

Student Performance Outcomes

Attendance

GOAL	Sept. 24	Sept. 23	Sept. 22
80% or higher	65.6%	76.8%	73.4%

Program Updates

In-person PM Program: We are suspending the in-person evening high school program due to lack of participation and funding. We will review this in the months to come.

BSU Charter Renewal Application: We submitted the renewal application to Ball State University for New Vistas charter on September 30. The BSU team will be on site on Monday October 14 for a Community Forum from 3:30-5:00 and all day on Tuesday for classroom visits and focus group sessions.

Personnel/ Professional Development

Personnel:

Open Positions: Guidance Counselor and Special Education Coordinator for New Vistas

Resignations: Collin Majszak, NEO's IT Coordinator, resigned in September.

Professional Development and Recognition

IAACE: NEO's Adult Education was WELL-REPRESENTED at the annual Indiana Association for Adult and Continuing Education conference. Six of NEO's adult ed team attended the three-day conference in Florence, IN. In addition, Adrienne Carrol and Amelia Hessling presented a session titled "From Theory to Practice: Educating the Adult Learner." JuliAnn Nisevich led a session on student engagement and David Shepherd led a session on teaching Strategies. And, to top it off, David was awarded Adult Education Teacher of the Year, recognizing his decades of teaching in this field and Danni received a Meritorious Service Award! What a team!



Instructional Priorities: Dave Plesac and Theresa Jacob are leading trainings on implementing Instructional Priorities Model.

Suicide Prevention: Students and staff participated in a training on Suicide prevention led by the Infinity Counseling team.

Facility Update

Expanded Outdoor Learning: We completed the installation of an outdoor patio and pavilion on the southwest side of the NEO Center.

Creekside Early Learning: The updated completion date for Creekside is the end Of October.



Community Connections

Mobil Food Mart: Thanks to the NEO staff that facilitated the NWI Food Councils Mobile Food Mart at NEO on August 29.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Scott Cvelbar and New Vistas Student Council hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive at NEO on September 23.

Environmental Forum: The Izaak Walton League of Porter County, with support From the League of Women Voters, held a community Environmental Forum at NEO on September 19. A panel of five experts answered questions from the 25+ attendees on various environmental issues and the steps that elected officials can take to address these. Rebecca provided tours of NEO before the event.



REMINDER
NEO Board Meeting
Wednesday October 16, 2024 8:00 AM



**NEO ADULT EDUCATION STUDENTS
AT THE
PORTER COUNTY CONSTRUCTION AND SKILL TRADES
DAY
September 4, 2024**

