Profiles of Services

Ogden Community School District for 2004-2005

This Profiles of Services is a brief report of some of the key services provided by Heartland Area Education Agency for the Ogden Community School District.

Improving student achievement

Heartland Area Education Agency has been helping children reach their potential since 1975. The agency works in partnership with public and accredited nonpublic schools to provide educational services, programs and resources for improving student achievement.

The more than 870* Heartland AEA staff members serve preschool children, K-12 students, families, educators and sometimes entire communities.

**This figure includes about 170 Des Moines Public Schools special education positions funded by Heartland AEA.*

Heartland AEA area

Schools: 54 public school districts and 32 accredited nonpublic schools
Students: 126,000
Educators: 12,000
School buildings: 330
Counties: 11–Audubon, Boone, Carroll, Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk, Story and Warren

About the agency

Chief administrator: Wayne Rand
Associate administrators: Tom Hoffman and Jim Stumme
Founded: 1975
Area: 6,518 square miles
Main office: Johnston
Branch offices: Adel, Ames, Audubon, Carroll, Des Moines, Guthrie Center, Indianola, Johnston, Knoxville, Newton and Woodside (Ankeny)
Shelter Care Educational Program sites: Ames, Des Moines (3), Indianola, Manning and Newton
Youth At Risk Consortium: Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny, and school sites

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Ogden and Heartland AEA

Partners in Education

Full AEA Accreditation. Heartland AEA was fully accredited in 2005 by the State Board of Education. Accreditation is the result of AEA 11's continuous improvement process to better serve Ogden CSD and other districts. Accreditation helps AEAs improve the quality and focus of their services in order to assist schools and districts to improve student learning.

Support for Diverse Learners. Heartland AEA provides many services to six diverse learner populations:

- Early Access (birth to age 3)
- Special Education
- Gifted and Talented
- Section 504
- English Language Learners
- Youth At-Risk

Heartland staff support and assist Ogden to identify diverse learners through screening and assessments, create an equitable learning environment for these youth and evaluate their outcomes.

Focus on High Schools. Heartland is assisting Area 11 educators to enhance the quality and effectiveness of high school education. The agency is sponsoring learning and sharing opportunities for high school leadership teams to support Iowa's initiative to strengthen its high schools.

Big Books. Big Books are oversized books for children. The enlarged print and graphics capture students' interest and help build a foundation for reading. Ogden CSD purchased 37 Big Books from Heartland, which subsidized their cost and offered them for only $5 each.

Technology to Improve Learning. Heartland AEA provides several technology programs including staff development, E2T2 middle school math initiative, student technology fair, listservs and consultations. Heartland helps Ogden staff identify and implement technologies to improve teaching and learning.

Cooperative Purchasing. Ogden CSD purchased school supplies and materials totaling $10,319 through Heartland's Cooperative Services program. Cooperative purchasing saves money for school districts on a variety of classroom, office and maintenance products.

School Improvement. School improvement focuses on programs for school and community planning to increase student achievement. School improvement consultants work closely with school staff to plan and provide professional development activities to improve skills leading to better teaching and learning.

Better Hearing. Heartland staff members annually screen the hearing of every Ogden elementary student and do follow-up evaluations when needed.

Assessment Services. AEA 11's Assessment Services staff provide Ogden educators support for collecting, analyzing and using classroom, school and district data. Assessment Services provides test and survey development, a scanning center for custom-made bubble sheet tests, the HEART program to generate data graphs and much more.

Curriculum and Instruction. AEA curriculum consultants provide resources and capacity building for school and district staff in reading, math and science. Consultants also support teacher and administrator leadership.

Student, Teacher Resources 24/7. Iowa AEA Online (www.iowaaeaonline.org) features educational resources funded and provided by Iowa's AEAs. Resources such as World Book Online and ClipArt.com are accessible from school or home 24 hours a day. Iowa AEA Online supports the content standards for school curriculum and student learning by bringing a wealth of information to teachers and students. Contact Heartland for a password.

Project SEMI. Ogden CSD is among the districts with a teacher training to use Heartland's Project SEMI with students. SEMI (Science Education Mobile Instruction) is Iowa's only mobile life sciences lab, a 53-foot semitrailer that brings cutting-edge biotechnology equipment, materials and curriculum to schools.

Connecting Parents, Educators. Heartland's Parent-Educator Connection links Ogden educators and parents of children with significant special needs. PEC staff, themselves parents of individuals with special needs, provide services that link teachers and parents for the benefit of the student.

Intro to AEA. Ogden staff participated in Heartland's new teacher open house in 2004 to learn about the services, materials and technology available at the AEA to help them become better educators.

Heartland staff assigned to Ogden schools

Adapted Physical Education	Robin Olberding
Assistive Technology	Nancy Dunn
Audiology	Cindy Moses
Audiometrist	Brenda Pierce
Autism Resource	Marilyn Finn
Challenging Behavior	Wendi Kaiser
Early Childhood	Diane Baldrige Pam Schlieman
Hearing	Carol Miller
Occupational Therapy	Donna Bachman
Orientation & Mobility	Ann Hegstrom
Physical Therapy	Kathy David
Interim Regional Coordinator	JoAnn Klocke
School Improvement	Ivette Bender
School Psychology	Barb Thompson
School Social Work	Pam Abarr
Special Education Consultant	Julie Achenbach
Speech-Language Pathology	Jeanne Lucas Rowene White
Trainer	Elizabeth Jankowski
Transition Consultant	Susan Teas
Vision	Gwen Woodward

In addition to the above professionals, Heartland AEA has many other staff members who serve the district in assessment, curriculum and instruction, instructional materials, media, professional development, technology and other priority areas.

Nine-member board of directors

Heartland AEA is governed by nine board members who are elected by the local school boards they represent. Doug Getter of Urbandale represents the Ogden CSD.

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Ogden CSD
By the Numbers in 2004-05

105	Students staffed into special education.
2	Students in Youth At Risk program administered by AEA 11.
5	Students in Heartland's Shelter Care Educational Program.
148	Staff who participated in Heartland professional development activities.
51	Heartland professional development activities in which staff participated.
71	Credit hours earned by staff through Heartland professional development activities.
6	Staff who took part in Heartland's new teacher programs as either first- or second-year teachers, mentors, or facilitators.
926	Online searches by students and staff in EBSCO, World Book, AP Multimedia and other resources, with free access provided by Iowa's AEAs.

Below is a summary of the media production items obtained from Heartland AEA in 2004-05.

3	Audio Books
1	Blank Videotape
566	Bulletin Board Symbols
72	Running Feet of Lamination
1	Videotape Program Duplicated
315	Videotapes Circulated
1	Boxed Book Set
300	Children's Books
2	Leveled Books
8	Magazine Collections
127	Professional Books
22	Inservice Materials
10	English Language Learner Materials
1	DVD for Loan
12	Book Props