Profiles of Services

Panorama 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 Panorama 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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Panorama 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 Panorama 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 Panorama 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.

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 Panorama staff identify and implement technologies to improve teaching and learning.

Cooperative Purchasing. Panorama CSD purchased school supplies and materials totaling $16,517 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 Panorama elementary student and do follow-up evaluations when needed.

Assessment Services. AEA 11's Assessment Services staff provide Panorama 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. Panorama CSD is among the districts with at least one 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 Panorama 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. Panorama staff participated in Heartland's new teacher open house in 2005 to learn about the services, materials and technology available at the AEA to help them become better educators.

CRISS Strategies. AEA staff have been training and supporting K-12 Panorama educators to implement CRISS learning strategies. CRISS (creating independence through student-owned strategies) encourages independent thinking to help students learn what is meaningful.

Heartland staff assigned to Panorama schools

Adapted Physical Education	Robin Olberding
Assistive Technology	Sue Young
Audiology	Doug Olson
Audiometrist	Sue York
Autism Resource/ Challenging Behavior	Margaret Clark
Early Childhood	Sheri Haupert
Hearing	Mary Ann Flanagan
Occupational Therapy	Donna Bachman
Orientation & Mobility	Ann Hegstrom
Physical Therapy	Mindy Elliott
Regional Coordinator	Terry Vitzthum
School Improvement	Mary Tighe
School Psychology	Pat McCarthy
School Social Work	Diann Jenison
Special Education Consultant	Sue Short
Speech-Language Pathology	Michelle Bullock Cathy Kingery
Trainer	Joann Klocke
Transition Consultant	Greg York
Vison	Chris Short

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. Ann Wilson of Carroll represents the Panorama CSD.

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Panorama CSD By the Numbers in 2004-05

70	Students staffed into special education.
4	Students in Heartland's Shelter Care Educational Program.
135	Staff who participated in Heartland professional development activities.
54	Heartland professional development activities in which staff participated.
82	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.
2,050	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.

1	Audio Book
2	Blank Videotapes
2,166	Bulletin Board Symbols
136	Running Feet of Lamination
1,186	Learning Activity Posters
3	Videotape Programs Duplicated
325	Videotapes Circulated
1,333	Children's Books
2	Information Searches
3	Leveled Books
1	Magazine Collection
17	Professional Books
5	Inservice Materials
34	Preview Collections
4	Standardized Tests
1	Book Props