

INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF STUDY

KSBE PRESENTATION

January 2014

BILL PATTERSON

USD 421 LYNDON

Current employment assignment

- Teach half of the day
- 9-12 Counselor half of the day
 - o KIDS Program
 - o Pathways Coordinator
 - o Kansas Course Code Coordinator
 - o Testing Coordinator

USD 421'S - USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF STUDY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

In 8th grade, we offer the Career and Life Planning class which is required for most pathway classes.

During this semester class, students explore different careers and assessments and transfer their career interests to the Individual Plan of Study as well as determine what classes LHS offers that would assist them in this career area.

HIGH SCHOOL

Once the student reaches high school, I review over each student's plan and take notes on the careers the students are interested in and make sure they have selected classes from which they would benefit.

As students change their minds on careers, I note this and make sure they are aware of how it will affect their curriculum choices.

HIGH SCHOOL, CONT.

Currently, yearly one on one updating of the Personal Plan of Study is limited primarily because of my schedule. In addition, because of state budget cuts, we don't subscribe to an assessment tool that will assist with career decision making, ie. Career Pipeline.

Every time a students that take the ACT they are encouraged to fill out the interest inventory section. Then once the results are scored, I review over their career interests with them.

FUTURE

I believe having some form of a plan is beneficial for students, administrators and counselors.

Before I was even asked to give this presentation, this year, I was working with our IT person on preparing a fill in a form document that we could use electronically and year to year.

FUTURE

As counselor at Lyndon High School, I am planning on being flexible as to how to fully implement plan of study.

Recently, my superintendent and I heard how a couple of schools that were implementing some form of an individual plan and we may begin utilizing some of their ideas within our own district.

FUTURE

At this point in time, my plan is to use this in conjunction with the spring pre-enrollment, which we do during a class period, and to have the students save them to their file on the local server so that they can update them annually.

Students would be asked to print off a version and have their parents sign and return them back to me.