

Building a College-Going Culture in Rural Districts: *A Consortium Model*

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Presentation Goals

- Share how we built and how we maintained a successful consortium with 9 small, rural, low income, ethnically diverse, isolated, districts.
- Share how AVID is a vibrant part of the work in these districts.
- Discuss strategies used to build our consortium.

Who Are We?

- 9 small, rural schools
- K-12 enrollment ranges from 200-650
- Free and Reduced Lunch Rate ranges from 51% to 85%
- Ethnically diverse
- Remote and isolated
- High unemployment and few local opportunities for graduates

Obstacles to College and Career Readiness

- School Size
- Community Issues/Culture
- Access to Quality Professional Development
- Staffing Issues
- Funding for Programs
- Competitiveness for Grants

Panorama Rural Education Partnership (PREP)

Mission Statement

PREP collaborates to prepare ALL students for college and career readiness.

Developing the Partnership

- **Organizational Structure**
 - Formal Agreements
 - Monthly Meetings
 - Leadership
- **Fiscal Management**
 - NEWESD 101
 - School Districts with Capacity
 - Equity in Distribution
 - Entire Consortium Focus
- **Trust/Relationships**
 - Willingness to be honest
 - Tension between needs of own district vs. needs of the group
 - Communication
 - Adding new members

Building a College and Career Readiness Culture:

- GEAR UP!
- Advanced Placement
 - Only award in state
- AVID
 - National Model
- Regional Training
 - PREP Days
 - Vertical/Horizontal Teaming
 - Leadership

AVID in PREP

- Impacting the Entire School
- Training
- AVID Elective
 - Multi-Grade Electives
 - Student Selection
 - Master Schedule
- Tutors
- Funding

Successes and Challenges

- AP Classes and Scores
- AVID Elective Enrollment
- Algebra in 8th Grade
- Union/Bargaining Issues
- Leadership Transitions
- Sustainability
- Working with Large Organizations/Systems
- Grants

Discussion

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