

The ESUCC Board contracts with ESU 17 to provide staffing for Distance Education, which staffing includes a Distance Education Director. The Distance Education Director is the immediate supervisor of all other staff assigned to Distance Education and is charged with general operation of all programs of the Distance Education project. The Distance Education Director reports to the Executive Director and, ultimately, to the Board.

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The Distance Education project works to build, improve and maintain the state's distance education network. As part of its statutory responsibilities, ESUCC is charged with the following tasks related to distance education:

- (1) Providing public access to lists of qualified distance education courses;
- (2) Collecting and providing school schedules for participating educational entities;
- (3) Facilitation of scheduling for qualified distance education courses;
- (4) Brokering of qualified distance education courses to be purchased by educational entities;
- (5) Assessment of distance education needs and evaluation of distance education services;
- (6) Compliance with technical standards as set forth by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and academic standards as set forth by the State Department of Education related to distance education;
- (7) Establishment of a system for scheduling courses brokered by the council and for choosing receiving educational entities when the demand for a course exceeds the capacity as determined by either the technology available or the course provider;
- (8) Administration of learning management systems, either through the staff of the council or by delegation to an appropriate educational entity with the funding for such systems provided by participating educational entities; and
- (9) Coordination with educational service units and postsecondary educational institutions to provide assistance for instructional design for both two-way interactive video distance education courses and the offering of graduate credit courses in distance education.

The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council shall only provide assistance in brokering or scheduling courses to educational entities that have access to Network Nebraska.