

Faculty Cooperation Enhances Curriculum

A job cannot be done well without group cooperation. Teachers working together on a project have a definite advantage when it comes to overall results. In most instances, the old saying of "two heads are better than one," still applies.

Some faculty members share their teaching experiences with one another in order to vary and make student education more exciting. In this manner, teachers manage to raise student achievement to much higher levels.

Mr. John Bennett schedules band practices three out of five days a week to reach the perfection he demands from half time marching shows at the football games. Together with Mrs. Doll Forrest, Mr. Bennett and the band work with the Escorts for their performances.

To have an outstanding performance the night of the play, the Drama and Speech Departments must plan ahead. Students prepare artwork for props and the background, while Mr. Larry Arnold, drama teacher, is busy rehearsing with the members of the cast.

Organization is mandatory in academic classes so that the overall program may operate efficiently. Mrs. Flo Schelling has been the chairperson for the English Department for eight consecutive years. She guides other English teachers with their plans and maintains a similar program for students.

Teachers not only work together during school hours, but they also socialize outside their jobs. Parties are given on special occasions to encourage a relaxed atmosphere for all employees. Teachers enjoy lunch together on teacher work days and they sometimes car pool to and from work.

In addition to teaching during the school year, some teachers go to summer school for higher degrees and also to receive increased financial benefits from the district. While in school teachers often pool to and from classes. Cooperation among teachers, however, is not limited solely to school hours. Often, they are indeed good friends away from school. Cooperation not only increases enjoyment of the teaching profession, but also adds a new dimension — ease of operation.

A. Mrs. Doll Forrest, Deer Escort sponsor, and Mr. John Bennett, band director, review a sheet of music before continuing an afternoon rehearsal. The band and Escorts practice several hours a week in preparation for the half time shows at football games. **B.** Mr. Charles Armstrong, ICT coordinator, and Mr. Don Dalton, industrial arts teacher, discuss classroom problems while in the teachers' lounge. **C.** Mrs. Sallie Langseth, math teacher, and Mrs. Carrie Ballard, art instructor, patiently await the bell before their next class. **D.** Mrs. Shirley Watson, teacher aide, Mrs. Kay Marshall, special education teacher, and Mrs. Flo Schelling, head of the English Department, work together preparing mimeographed assignments for students.



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