

WTEA/DPI TEquity Project

Project Fact Sheet

TEquity- A project to increase female participation and completion in technology and engineering programs in Wisconsin PK-16 education and beyond.

Sponsors:

Wisconsin Technology Education Association (WTEA) and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (WDPI)

Rationale:

Female participation and completion in technology and engineering coursework and female career planning and development in related occupations has increased at too slow a rate over the past 35 years. This initiative is designed to increase the capacity of teachers, counselors, and school communities to identify issues and resources and employ gender equity strategies that result in a minimum of a 5% increase in female participation in nontraditional career pathways by June 30, 2015.

Time Frames:

March 2012 to June 2012-gather input on needs and refine draft plans

June 2012-June 2013- Year 1

June 2013-June 2014- Year 2

June 2014-June 2015- Year 3

Overall focus:

The project will identify existing resources and create a web site that will become the “go to” spot for the initiative. The project will build gender equity capacity through significant conversations and professional development designed to:

Identify gender equity issues in technology education;

Increase development and sharing of relevant and inclusive curriculum plans and activities;

Enhance teacher capacity to practice problem-solving and other diverse and inclusive instructional methods and learning supports;

Build gender fair and inclusive learning climates/environments.

Increase peer coaching and support; and

Demonstrate and document gender equity capacity/ sufficiency / progress.

The WTEA will provide gender equity professional development at the annual conference and in other venues as requested. This plan will also utilize district directors for providing professional development and assistance at the individual and district level.

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