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The Valley Rural Collaborative

What is the Valley Rural Collaborative?

The Valley Rural Collaborative is a first-of-its-kind partnership among Lake Arthur Schools, Hagerman Municipal Schools, and Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell, led by the Education Partnership of the Permian Basin (EPPB). This innovative initiative is transforming rural education in Southeast New Mexico by creating shared, high-quality college and career pathways tailored to local workforce needs.

In partnership with Empower Schools and Steady State Impact, the Collaborative is launching two workforce-aligned pathways—each housed at a different district but open to students across both districts:

**Lake Arthur
GYO Educator Pathway**

**Hagerman
Software Pathway**

Students will take courses across districts—virtually and in person—giving them access to robust, industry-informed programming regardless of their home school. Each pathway includes work-based learning, mentorship, and industry credentials, preparing students for high-demand careers and future leadership roles in their local communities.

By sharing resources and expertise, the Valley Rural Collaborative is breaking down barriers that rural schools often face and building a sustainable, regional model of equity, opportunity, and innovation.

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EMPOWER schools

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Steady State Impact

Software and Programming

The Software and Programming program gives students hands-on opportunities to create, modify, and test the codes, forms, and scripts that allow computer applications to run. The skills developed in this pathway can be used in a variety of fields, including medical, industrial, military, communications, aerospace, business, scientific, and general computer applications.

Pathway Credentials

Google Certificate

Python Certificate

Career Outlook

Google Support Specialist

Median Salary: $26.60 an hour

Entry: Post-Pathway

Computer User Support Specialist

Median Salary: $26.90 an hour

Entry: Post-Apprenticeship/Associates

Computer Engineer

Median Salary: $55.61 an hour

Entry: Post-4 Year Degree

Course Sequence

9th Computers, networks & Databases
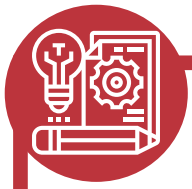
10th Databases in the Cloud

11th Computer and IT Sciences - Google

12th Computer Programming - Python

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Interested? Contact your school counselor for more information.

Teaching and Training

The Teaching and Training CTE pathway equips students with foundational skills in child development, instructional practices, and classroom management to prepare them for immediate support roles in their home districts. Through hands-on experiences and dual enrollment opportunities, students build a clear path toward becoming future educators rooted in their local communities.

Pathway Credentials

> Teacher Education Certificate

Career Outlook

School Aid/Tutor

Median Salary: $17.81 an hour

Entry: Post-Pathway

Teacher Aide/Assistant

Median Salary: $18 an hour

Entry: Post-Associates

Teacher

Median Salary: $26.79 an hour.

Entry: Post-4 Year Degree

Course Sequence

9th Child & Human Development

10th Education Methodology

11th Structured Observations

12th Communication for Teachers

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