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Center for Advanced Professional Studies director identified

Chad Ralston has been named the director of Blue Valley's Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) beginning in the 2010-11 school year. CAPS is a unique student learning opportunity that allows students with an interest in Bioscience, Business, Engineering or Human Services to take more advanced courses to explore their interests in a profession-based learning approach. A state-of-the-art CAPS facility will open in fall 2010 to house the program.

Ralston is currently an assistant principal and athletic director at Olathe Northwest High School. Ralston has also served as director of the Olathe School District's eAcademy, an online curriculum program, and as a science teacher. Ralston is also a National Board Certified teacher.

"I am excited to become part of a community of innovative teachers, business partners and students, who are committed to providing an educational experience beyond expectations," Ralston said.

He received his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and his master's degree in Curriculum and Development from the University of Kansas. He received his Administration Certification from Emporia State University.

"Mr. Ralston's background in educational innovation – including 21st century schools – along with his commitment to high school students make him an ideal candidate for a program like CAPS," said Jim Payne, executive director of Human Resources.

Ralston begins his duties August 1.

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