

Nebraska State Accountability NeSA Administrators' Days 2013

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Today's Agenda

What can districts expect in 2013-2014?

- 1. Nebraska Statewide Assessment [NeSA] and State of the Schools Report [SOSR]**
- 2. NeSA Writing**
- 3. Check for Learning [C4L]**
- 4. Accountability –Nebraska Performance Accountability System [NePAS]**

2013 - 2014

NeSA

State of the Schools Report

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2014 - NeSA Testing Window

January 20-February 7	NeSA Writing
February 10- March 21	ELDA
March 24-May 2	NeSA – Reading Mathematics Science NeSA-AA Alternate Tests



Contacts

- **Superintendents**
 - **Update District Assessment Contact if had a change**
 - **Update DAC email address if changed**
 - **Districts received Individual Student Reports R/M/S/W (Addressed to DAC)**



New Masking Rules applied

- Subgroups of fewer than 10 will be masked
- Categories (Score columns--Below, Meets, Exceeds) fewer than 5 will be masked
- No complementary masking
- Graduation data will include a range at the top, so 100% graduation will not be excluded in NePAS



NeSA Results,
Reading, Mathematics, and Science
State of the Schools Reports

- **August 8**
- Superintendents receive password to NeSA Preview site R, M, S 2012-2013--State, District, Building Data-Embargoed-New Masking rules-Open Preview
- **August 13**
- Public Release of R, M, S- State, District, Building 2012-2013-Press Conference 10:00 a.m.
- Public release SOSR 2011-2012 disaggregated data with new masking rules
- SOSR Preview site to disaggregated data open in Portal for 2012-2013-Embargoed--Not Open Preview



State of the Schools Report Release

August 27

- NePAS data and rankings added to SOSR 2012-2013-in Portal-Embargoed—Not Open Preview



State of the Schools Report Release

September 20

- State of the Schools Report 2012-2013 Preview-
Will include NeSA and NePAS (not grad)-
Embargoed – Open Preview

September 27

10:00 a.m. Press Conference-- Release of the State of the Schools Report, including NeSA and NePAS-2012-2013



State of the Schools Report 2012-2013

October 4

- **Persistently Lowest Achieving Schools [PLAS] list added to the public State of the Schools Report 2012-2013 (Schools will be contacted before public release)**



State of the Schools Report 2012-13

November 8

- NePAS graduation rate and ranking added to SOSR preview site in portal—Not Open Preview

November 15

- Nebraska Performance Accountability System [NePAS] released with graduation data and ranking.
 - Graduation rate- 2013 Cohort
 - Graduation Rate- 2011 Extended 6th year Cohort
 - Drop-out data



Graduation Cohort Data Drop Out Data

- **October 15th—Data due**
- **October 15-October 31- Use NSSRS
Validation in portal to verify data**



NDE Partnership with Data Recognition Corporation [DRC]

- **New online engine—INSIGHT**



Technology for NeSA

- Specifications for NeSA-
 - Released last spring
 - On NDE Assessment website
- *District Technology Contact*
- iPad usability study in December in partnership with DRC



The Views

- **September 23- Norfolk**
- **September 24- Omaha**
- **September 26- Kearney**
- **October 1- Scottsbluff**



INSIGHT Previews for NeSA testing and Check for Learning

- **Brief preview today in Sessions IV and V**
- **Lincoln- October 28**
- **Kearney- October 29**
- **Scottsbluff- October 30**
- **Norfolk- October 31**



Online Testing 2014

- All paper/pencil tests must be ordered in October through eDirect – writing, reading, mathematics, and science
- In 2013, **less than 4 percent** of students took paper/pencil assessments
(4th grade writing not included)
- 4th grade writing and alternate remain paper/pencil-no order needed



Security of Tests and Test Results

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Education-
Office of Inspector General
USDE-OIG



Suggestions

- **Provide appropriate security information and training to all district staff (PP on Assessment Website will be updated)**
- **Develop a protocol for monitoring testing and document district efforts**
- **Collect and secure in a central location any paper/pencil tests, including between days of testing**
- **Keep tickets in secure locations, to be distributed to staff day of testing**



Lessons Learned

Majority and most serious breaches are taking place in-

- Writing
 - Organizers—Not allowed
- Reading—read to student
 - Train all test administrators



Coming

- NeSA Approved Accommodations-
August
 - **Text to Speech**
- SAA Update September
 - **Electronic only**
- Security Manual- September
 - **Electronic only**
- Get rid of old downloads-everything
 - **Look for dates on documents**

2013 – 2014 Writing

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NeSA-W

- **NeSA-W will have a new delivery engine. INSIGHT is a DRC product and NDE is looking forward to its use.**
- **November 13 – December 20**
NeSA-W field testing of future prompts for grades 8 and 11. Please participate.



What NDE would like to keep in-state (so we need your help).

- Prompt Creation
- Field Testing
- Prompt Selection
- Rangefinding
- Score Verification

Field Testing the keystone activity to the above!



On-line **Field** tests for Grades 8 and 11-NeSA-W

- **November 13 – December 20**
- **Students will use tickets secured through eDIRECT.**
- **New students may be added to the system.**



On-line **Practice** tests for Grades 8 and 11- NeSA-W

- **Students will use tickets secured through the eDIRECT**
- **Students' responses saved to the eDIRECT site same as the regular NeSA-W**
- **New Students may be added to the system.**



2013 NeSA-W 8/11 On-Line Test Times

Time Span in Minutes: Grade 8		Time Span in Minutes: Grade 11	
0 – 30 minutes	751	0 – 30 minutes	1236
30 – 60 minutes	5373	30 – 60 minutes	8978
60 – 90 minutes	8689	60 – 90 minutes	7426
90 + minutes	5383	90 + minutes	2670
Total tested	20196	Total tested	20310



Grade 4 General Information

- **The assessment will remain two 40-minute periods on consecutive days.**
- **No present plans for change to on-line or to lengthening the testing time.**
- **Friendlier Rubric**



Revised Grade 4-Friendlier Self-Assessment Tool

Grade 4 – Narrative Essay NeSA-Writing

	Yes	Somewhat	Not Ready	
Ideas/ Content 35%				My story is easy to understand because I have used many well-chosen details.
Organization 25%				My story has a strong, beginning, middle and end. My transition words and phrases show how the ideas connect.
Voice/Word Choice 20%				My story has words I chose that are specific and precise throughout my story.
Sentence Fluency/ Conventions 20%				My story has sentences that vary in length and structure. Grammar, usage, and punctuation are consistently correct.



New Transcription Submission Form for IEP and 504 students

- **Standardizes, creating less confusion in transcriptions**
- **Complies with the need for security.**
- **Makes clear when and why transcriptions can be used as an accommodation.**



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TRANSCRIPTION SUBMISSION FORM - WRITING

Student's NSSRS Number

From: Test Accommodations for Students with IEP or 504 Plan

- 25. Student uses computer, word processor, Braille Production Device, or specialized writing materials to respond to the NeSA-W test prompt. Test administrator transfers student response to the test booklet (Grade 4) or online system (Grades 8 and 11). The student response is to be transcribed exactly as it is written – i.e. with spelling, punctuation, and spacing replicated. The original student essay will be sent to DRC with returned testing materials.
- 26. Student responds orally to test items or writing prompt OR uses sign language to indicate response. Test administrator records student response. For NeSA-W test, students must indicate the placement of punctuation, capital letters, indentations, etc.
- Student had emergency physical injury (e.g. broken arm)**
Please contact the Assessment Office for approval.

Brief description of the process followed with this student: _____

Questions? Please contact the Statewide Assessment office at (402) 471-2495 or
nde.stateassessment@nebraska.gov.

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Transcription Submission Form (Continued)

Test Administrator transcribed student paper into Writing booklet **OR** INSIGHT online system

- **Make a copy of the completed Writing booklet or online response.**
- Staple together this completed Transcription Submission Form, the original student generated paper, and the copy of the student's Writing booklet or online response as transcribed by the Test Administrator.
- Place in the red Transcription Envelope to be returned to DRC.

Signed: _____
District: _____

Position: _____
School: _____

Please **DO NOT** place original NeSA-Writing booklets (used or unused) in the red Transcription Envelope. Return them to DRC by following the procedures described in the 2014 NeSA-Writing Paper/Pencil Test Administration Manual. Questions? Contact DRC Customer Service: (866) 342-6280 or necustomerservice@datarecognitioncorp.com

Posted on Writing page on NDE-Assessment Website



NeSA-W Training Review of Scoring Guides

When:

- Kearney October 9, 2013
- Scottsbluff October 10, 2013
- Lincoln October 17, 2013

What: Review the Scoring Guides and discuss the distinguishing features of the rubric to establish more clearly the difference between 2/3 essays in the various domains.

Who: Writing Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Writing Leaders, ESU Writing Staff Developers

2013 - 2014 Check for Learning

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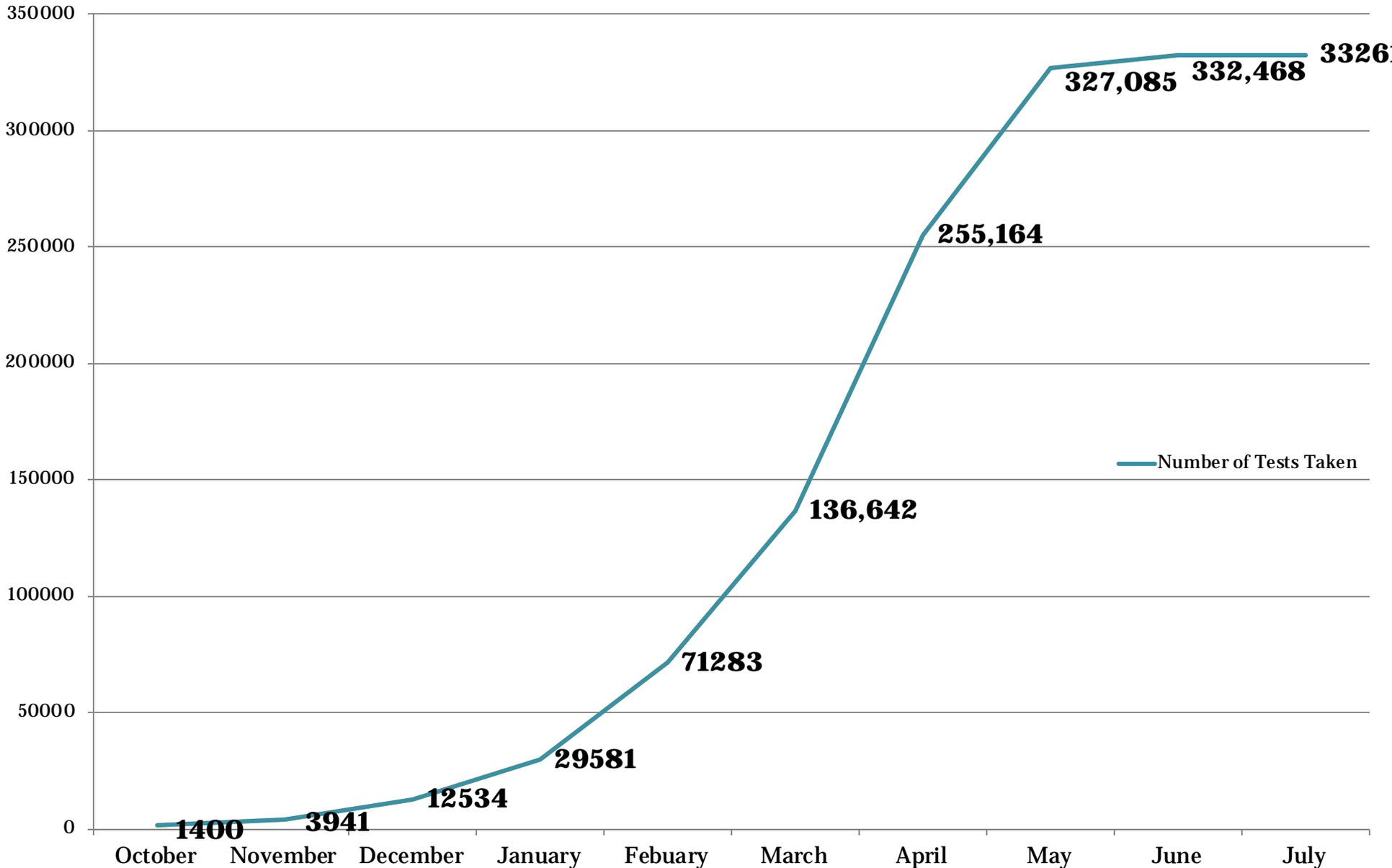


Check for Learning [C4L]

- 2012-13 second year-- but first full year
- Over 170 of 249 districts
 - Each in a unique way
- Increase in use
 - Over 112,000 students with accounts in the system
 - Over 18,000 separate test administrations scheduled
 - Over 34,000 tests created with the system
 - Over 332,000 tests taken online
 - Over 7,000 teacher-created questions in the item bank



2012-13 C4L Number of Tests Taken Online





C4L

- April 17, 2012 – MOUs were due
- 172 of 249 districts
- Option 1 and New Members – items due August 1
 - 10 items reading
 - 10 items mathematics
 - 10 items science
- Option 2 and New Members – designate August 15
 - 3 reviewers, 1 each in reading, mathematics and science-reviews are in mid-September



C4L

- **Transition to INSIGHT software**
- **JAVA version available November 4, 2013**
- **Web-based version available February 17, 2014**



Check for Learning

- **Training for the new system late October-early November**
 - Combination of in-person and online training
 - Video segments posted online
- **C4L Resources on the web**
 - <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/C4Learning.htm>
 - Training materials
 - How Districts are Using C4L -PowerPoint

2013 - 2014 Nebraska Performance Accountability System [NePAS]

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Nebraska Performance Accountability System - NePAS

- **Federal Accountability – AYP/PLAS**
- **State Accountability – NePAS**



NePAS 2013- Same--Except

- **8th and 11th Grade NeSA-Writing will not be included on NePAS**
- **Sixth Year Graduation Cohort included (2011)**
- *8th grade writing will not count on AYP*



Accountability

- **LB 870-2012 -Nebraska Performance Assessment System [NePAS] (79-790.06)**
- **NePAS displays scale scores, graduation rate, rankings-No consequences**
- **LB 438—multiple measures “shall be combined into a school performance and district performance score.” “The state board shall establish levels of performance” On General File**
- **Federal proposal ESEA does not establish Federal Accountability, but leaves accountability to the states to establish.**
- **Currently AYP is still in effect in Nebraska**



College and Career Ready

- **Flexibility built into current contract**



Remember

- **INSIGHT Software Download November 4th**
- **C4L- November 4th**
- **Practice Tests- November 13th**
- **Field Test NeSA-Writing-Grades 8 and 11
November 13-December 20**
- **More—Link to NeSA Timeline**
 - http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/NeSA_Timeline.html



Questions?