



**Memorandum of Understanding: 2014-2015
For New & Returning Participants
Nebraska State Accountability Check 4 Learning System**

The Nebraska Department of Education will continue to offer the interim assessment system and state item bank known as **Check4Learning (C4L)**.

This system will allow districts to “check for learning” on student performance on Nebraska academic content standards in reading, mathematics, and science throughout the 2014-15 school year and to adjust instruction prior to district administration of the summative NeSA tests in the spring.

Participation by districts is strictly voluntary. C4L will be made available only to districts that choose to participate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding, agreeing to specific conditions. The C4L Memorandum of Understanding will commit the district to specific contributions to the system.

As Superintendent of _____, I, _____
District Name Superintendent Name

am committing our district to participate in the Nebraska Department of Education’s Check4Learning (C4L) system in 2014-2015. I understand that participation in this assessment system will not require any direct payment to the NDE, but our district will commit to the following resource commitment based on our current status:

*Please mark one of the following.

Returning C4L District

Districts that participated in 2013-14 have no new requirements for participation in 2014-15. Please note that this decision has been made only for the 2014-15 school year due to limited C4L availability in the past year.

New C4L District

New Districts will need to provide three certified teachers for item writing and revision on September 23 and 24 at ESU10 in Kearney. The district would provide one reading teacher, one math teacher and one additional teacher that is either reading or math for the two-day session. The session will include item writer training and guide the participants through item writing and review. All item writing and reviewing work will be completed on-site. On August 1, 2014, District Assessment Contacts will receive an email with a form for the district to designate staff members that will attend the training session. This form will need to be returned to NDE by August 15, 2014.

Terms of the Agreement

To be effective, this MOU and accompanying contact sheet shall be signed, dated and submitted to the NDE Assessment Office no later than **May 30, 2014**, and will remain in effect from June 1, 2014, to May 31, 2015.

NDE will not reimburse travel, lodging, meals, substitutes or pay stipends. Districts will be responsible for paying their own staff costs.

You may fax, scan or mail the forms to NDE by **May 30, 2014**. It is effective upon receipt by NDE.

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The school district agrees that NDE, and its officials, employees, and agents will not be liable to the district or any of its officials in regard to the district's use of Check4Learning.

Either party may terminate the agreement without liability upon five days' written notice to the other.

As Superintendent, I have read the above Memorandum of Understanding and agree to its terms on behalf of the school district below:

Signature

Date

School District