

LEADING FORWARD

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**Welcome
New Beginnings**

- A new school year
- A new role for me



What Has Changed?

Since 1984 . . .

- Classrooms and Schools
- Paper/pencil to online and iPads
- Expectations
 - Standards and Accountability
 - All students



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What Has Not Changed

Goals

- Help each student be successful
- Lead students forward so they are college and career ready



Community Effort

- Schools, communities, NDE working together!

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Today's Message

- We are all PARTNERS
 - Parents
 - Community
 - School Leaders
 - Students



- ALL have a role in leading our students forward to college and career readiness

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You are the Leaders!

- Leaders of schools
- Leaders in your communities
- Leaders of the community-wide conversation about education



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Academic Standards

- Reviewing Language Arts now
- Process involves K-12 and higher ed

GOAL Standards leading students to college and career readiness!

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Good News from NeSA

- NeSA Reading and Math—trend data
 - Reading - Four Years
 - Math - Three Years



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NeSA-Statewide

Grades 3-8 and 11 Scores:

- Improving
- All students improving and every subgroup
- Differences between white student scores and some groups narrowing

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State of the Schools Report

Masking Rules Revised

- 2011-12 State of the Schools Report performance masked more than required
- 2011-12 SOSR revised by August 13
- New 2012-13 NeSA data masked under new rules



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Masking Changes

- Continue reporting results only for groups of 10 or more students
- New: NeSA performance results reported by percentages only
 - BUT providing the percentage when a group has 5 or more
- New: Percentages for performance at Below, Meets or Exceeds masked ONLY if fewer than 5 students

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2012 NePAS

Rankings	Reading	Math
Improvement	185 of 249 Districts ↑	177 Of 249 Districts ↑
Growth	198 Of 249 Districts ↑	181 Of 249 Districts ↑

2012-2013 Accountability Report

Student Demographics Changes

School Year	Total Enrollment	Total Minority*	FRL	ELL	SPED
1990-1991	272,990	10.0%	NA*	NA*	12.0%
2000-2001	285,482	17.0%	30.4%	3.6%	15.3%
2010-2011	298,314	29.2%	41.2%	6.6%	15.3%
2011-2012	300,821	29.8%	43.5%	6.4%	15.0%
2012-13	303,242	30.4%	44.1%	6%	14.7%

*Not Available
 **Minority students PreK-12 in 2011-2012 :Hispanic/Latino 16.8%, African American 6.7%, Two or more races 3.2%, American Indian/Alaskan Native 1.4%, Asian/Pacific Islander 2.3%

2012-2013 Accountability Report

Cohort 4-Year Graduation Rates

Group	2010-11	2011-12	Change
All Students	85.95	87.62	↑
Free and Reduced Lunch Eligible	77.75	79.52	↑
English Language Learners	52.43	64.07	↑
Students Served in Special Education	69.55	79.52	↑

2012-2013 Accountability Report

College and Career Ready

- Global perspective
- Higher Education Trends
 - 2001 100 million enrolled in higher education
 - 2011 182 million (estimated)
- *AP Impact: Post-Recession, Higher Ed Paths Diverge*, by Justin Pope and Didi Tang

Nebraska Secondary Education

**AP Impact: Post-Recession,
Higher Ed Paths Diverge**
by Justin Pope and Didi Tang, The Associated Press



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Worldwide

- Higher education enrollment:
 - China – up 1/3
 - Saudi Arabia – up 2/3
 - Pakistan – doubled
 - Uganda – tripled
 - United States – up 18%



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Nebraska Enrollments

- Over last two years –
 - **Total postsecondary headcount down 4.3%**
 - **First-Time Freshmen Enrollment dropped 8.2%**

Source: CCPE 2013 Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report

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Nebraska First-Time Freshmen Enrollments

Institution	2010	2012	Change
University of Nebraska	7,123	6,930	↓ -1%
Community Colleges	6,799	5,841	↓ -14%
Independent Institutions	3,375	3,332	↓ -1%
For-Profit/Career Schools	1,037	665	↓ -36%
State College System	1,327	1,271	↓ -1%

Source: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

- Nebraska Accountability in Education
- ### College and Career Ready
- NDE will continue work on -**
- Meeting needs of students with challenges
 - Reviewing standards
 - Piloting teacher and principal evaluation
 - Expanding Early Childhood
 - Better use of data
 - NeSA
 - NePAS

- Nebraska Accountability in Education
- ### Better Use of Data
- Federal Grant
 - Provide professional development to every district in "Data Use and Analysis"
 - Provide optional dashboard to increase district use of data
 - Interagency collaboration
 - P-20: Preschool through workforce
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Early Childhood

Birth-3 (Infant/Toddler)

- \$5 million more committed for the next 2 years
- In 2013-2014, 18 districts have Sixpence program

3-5 (Preschool)

- Modest increase in funding
- In 2013-14, 70 districts have a preschool grant

Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)

- New system to improve quality of early childcare programs

Phases of the Model Evaluation Project

Date	Action
November 2011	Teacher and Principal Performance Framework adopted
April to October 2012	Leadership Committee - built consensus, recommended best practices for evaluation models to State Board
October 2012-August 2013	Design/Pilot Committee. Develop evaluation models, conduct training, prepare for pilot
2013-14 School Year	Pilot Phase. Implement models in pilot districts

Design/Pilot Districts

- Ashland-Greenwood
- Ainsworth
- Bellevue
- Central City
- Dorchester
- Dundy Co/Stratton
- Falls City
- Hitchcock County
- Lakeview
- Leyton
- McCool Junction
- Nebraska City
- Paxton
- Perkins County
- Scottsbluff
- South Sioux City
- Wisner-Pilger

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Guiding Principles

The primary purpose: **Improve of instruction and leadership** based on the *Nebraska Teacher and Principal Performance Framework*

Evaluation based on **multiple measures of performance** with data gathered **multiple times**, leading to long-term performance improvement.

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Multiple Pathways to Student Success



- Developing curriculum, professional development, and tools to help all students be college and career ready
- Taking a fresh look at K-12 career guidance

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New Career Readiness Toolkit

- Tools and strategies to help ALL Nebraska high school students be career ready.
- Launching in the Spring of 2014.
- Classroom resources and virtual industry tours of Nebraska businesses.



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Career Academies

Rule 47

- LB 870 called for the creation of a Rule on Career Academies

Rule includes

- Definition of career academies
- Quality Standards
- Operational Procedures
- Data Collection and Evaluation

Requesting schools interested in starting career academies



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Legislature and Funding

- Tax Modernization Committee
- Education Committee reviewing alternatives for delivery and financing early childhood, elementary, and secondary education

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Nebraska's Education Agenda

- Set by Nebraskans!
- Led by Nebraskans!



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**Have a Great
2013-2014
School Year**

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In the great state of Nebraska . . .
Which competes with the world!
