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“A leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”
-John C. Maxwell

Course Coding: What’s the big deal?

Through the Fall Workshops and NCE Conferences over the last few years, you have heard us stress the concept of course codes. But why are these numbers important? What are they used for? How does this benefit me?

Codes, simply put, are 6 digit numbers for each course. Every course taught has a course code associated with it and can be classified based on the first few numbers. For example, all FACS courses start with 09, all Education and Training start with 35, and all Culinary start with 37.

These numbers are important because they provide an accurate representation of what is being taught at schools throughout Nebraska. This gives us the chance to determine where most of our resources in terms of time and efforts should lie. In addition, when asked to report national

numbers such as how many students receive nutrition education throughout the state, I am able to provide an accurate response.

Course codes are also important to help you determine which standards you should be teaching for each course. In order for a course to be coded to a specific class, 90% of the standards must be taught in that class.

Another reason these codes are important is for students that may transfer. These codes are recognized at the state level, making the transfer of credits more recognizable. Each school can call a course whatever they would like, so course codes allow there to be consistency in this system.

Finally, course codes benefit you by giving the credit for the classes you are teaching as well as helping you align your



Mission

Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences integrates family and career readiness with technical skill instruction within a critical science perspective. As a result, our students are empowered to navigate the challenges of living and working in diverse communities, while striving for a high quality of life.

courses to Programs of Study. Programs of Study provide a seamless transition for students into post-secondary education, certification, or workforce.

All course codes may be found in the *Course Codes and Clearing Endorsement* document found on the NDE website.

Call to Action

If you aren't sure how your courses are being coded, please feel free to contact me at allison.kreifels@nebraska.gov and I will be more than happy to check previous school years for you.

CSO Spotlight

FCCLA

As a reminder, there are many deadlines coming up very soon including SPOT Adviser applications, SPOT candidate applications, and many district STAR competitions registration deadlines. For a complete list, check out the Events page of the Nebraska FCCLA website at www.nebraskafccla.org.

HOSA

Join HOSA for hands-on health science experiences in Sports Medicine, Nursing Assisting, Public Speaking, Job Seeking Skills, Forensic Science, Mental Health, and much more at the annual Mid-Winter Health Science Skills Laboratory. This event which is held on January 30, 2015 is open to all HOSA and Non HOSA members. It will take place at College Park in Grand Island, Nebraska. If you would like more information on this event, please

contact Kori Jensen, the State HOSA Adviser at kori.jensen@nebraska.gov.