



TO: Roger Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Sharon Katt, Administrator, Adult Program Services

SUBJECT: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Contract

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) to conduct research regarding the ACT District Choice Pilot Study.

Background Information:

During the March 8, 2011 meeting, the State Board approved a resolution to support and monitor a three-year pilot of an ACT district choice school-day program for participating school districts beginning in 2012, and to analyze resulting data. The purpose of this contract is to support research to address two broad questions: 1) Would ACT be an appropriate measure of college readiness; and 2) Does the administration of the ACT to all eleventh graders in pilot districts impact college going rates?

Components of the research project will include: design of the study; development/dissemination of student and school personnel survey instruments and descriptive study materials; data analysis, and preparation reports for the State Board and Education Committee of the Legislature.

Because of their interest in college readiness and college going rates, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) has expressed a willingness to do the study in cooperation with the Gallup Organization. A meeting to discuss contract specifics will be held June 28, 2012 and further details will be provided to the Board at the July 10, 2012 meeting.

A portion of funds available to support this effort must be expended by September 30, 2012. With the Board's action to grant the Commissioner the authority to contract with the CCPE, a contract will be implemented as soon as possible after the July 11, 2012 Board Meeting.

Estimated Cost:

It is estimated the cost will be between \$55,000 and \$75,000.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Nebraska State Board of Education Resolution Regarding the Three-Year District Choice Act Pilot Study (Passed March 8, 2011)
2011-12 Fall Membership Counts, Percent Free/Reduced-Price Lunch Eligible, and Percents by Race/Ethnicity
2011-12 Fall Membership Counts, Grade 11

For Additional Information on this item:

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**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION REGARDING
THREE-YEAR DISTRICT CHOICE ACT PILOT STUDY**

RECITALS

- A. The State Board of Education supports the Nebraska P-16 Initiative to increase college going rates and career readiness by the students of State of Nebraska;
- B. The State Board of Education has established state-wide assessment of students in the service of improved classroom instruction and educational achievement, all subject to and in accordance with the Nebraska Quality Education Accountability Act ("QEAA");
- C. The State Board of Education wishes to cooperate with and support certain local school districts in Nebraska who are seeking to participate in the ACT District Choice program; and
- D. The State Board of Education intends to provide its cooperation and support in order to evaluate the potential use of the ACT on a state-wide basis for eleventh grade students as a means to increase college going rates, to improve career readiness, and to do so in compliance with the requirements of QEAA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that (i) the Nebraska Department of Education will support and monitor a three-year pilot of an ACT district choice school-day program for participating school districts to begin in 2012, which will require the Department to analyze resulting data, and if necessary to contract with ACT; (ii) that participating districts will continue to be required to participate in all NeSA assessments; and (iii) that the participation in ACT District Choice testing will be contingent upon the state appropriation of funding for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education authorizes and directs the Nebraska Commissioner of Education or his designee to take such actions as will effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

On behalf of the State Board of Education this 8th day of March, 2011;

Jim Scheer, President

Bob Evnen, Vice-President

Nebraska Department of Education

2011-2012 Fall Membership Counts, Percent Free/Reduced-price Lunch Eligible, and Percents by Race/Ethnicity

For Selected Districts

January 31, 2012

NDE Data Request Number: 2012-00014

AGENCYID	NAME	Total	Percent Free or Reduced-price Lunch Eligible	Percent Hispanic	Percent Asian	Percent American Indian Alaska Native	Percent Black	Percent Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Percent White	Percent Two or More Races
01-0018-000	HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	3,637	57.2%	19.4%	1.6%	0.4%	1.9%	0.1%	74.6%	1.9%
07-0006-000	ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1,585	49.6%	19.4%	0.3%	5.2%	1.0%	0.1%	68.5%	5.6%
17-0001-000	SIDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1,270	32.7%	11.3%	2.8%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	83.6%	1.7%
22-0011-000	SO SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHS	3,743	68.3%	62.2%	3.4%	3.0%	3.2%	0.1%	25.3%	2.8%
55-0001-000	LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	36,527	43.7%	11.7%	4.5%	0.9%	6.6%	0.1%	69.8%	6.4%
71-0001-000	COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	3,733	49.9%	33.7%	0.6%	1.3%	0.6%	0.0%	62.1%	1.6%
79-0016-000	GERING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	2,151	46.3%	30.2%	0.5%	2.0%	0.8%	0.1%	64.3%	2.1%
79-0032-000	SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS	3,024	57.4%	43.4%	0.6%	2.6%	0.9%	0.0%	50.6%	1.9%
TOTALS FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS		<u>55,670</u>	47.4%	19.8%	3.5%	1.3%	4.8%	0.1%	65.6%	5.0%
PUBLIC	ALL PUBLIC DISTRICTS	300,965	43.8%	16.4%	2.1%	1.4%	6.7%	0.1%	70.2%	3.1%

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AGENCYID	NAME	Grade	Student Count
01-0018-000	HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	11	255
07-0006-000	ALLIANCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	11	129
17-0001-000	SIDNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	11	70
22-0011-000	SO SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHS	11	253
55-0001-000	LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	11	2,521
71-0001-000	COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	11	260
79-0016-000	GERING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	11	131
79-0032-000	SCOTTSDLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS	11	188
TOTALS FOR SELECTED DISTRICTS			<u>3,807</u>