



# ■ ■ ■ DRC Information Session on 2014 NeSA-Writing Reports

April 15-16, 2014



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# Agenda

- WebEx Rules of Engagement
- DRC Contact Information
- Key Dates
- Accessing Data Files and Reports in eDIRECT
- Questions & Answers

# WebEx Rules of Engagement

- Submit questions as we go using Chat.
- At the end of the session, there will be a question-and-answer period.
  - Use the “Raise hand” button under the participant list to indicate you have a question.
  - The Host will un-mute your phone in turn so you can ask your question.
- NDE and DRC will use your questions to enhance these information sessions and all test administration related communication.



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# Key Dates

- **April 15-16** – Reports WebEx Training Sessions
- **April 17** – NeSA-Writing District Data File and School Student Rosters available on eDIRECT – **EMBARGOED until public release of scores**
- **July 16** – Individual Student Reports including results for NeSA-Reading, Mathematics, Science, **and Writing** posted to eDIRECT
- **August 4** – Printed Individual Student Reports delivered to districts



# 2014 NeSA-Writing Reports & Data Files

- **School Reports – School Student Roster**
  - Lists students who were required to take the NeSA-Writing test and presents a summary of their performance.
- **District Reports – District Data File**
  - Includes all demographic and writing results information for students in grades 4, 8, and 11.
- **No State, District, or School Summary Data Included**

# Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

- <https://ne.drccdirect.com/>
- Public Welcome Page
- Logging on

The screenshot shows the eDIRECT login page. At the top left is the DRC CORPORATION logo with the tagline 'A Partner For Excellence'. At the top right is the eDIRECT Online Data Portal logo. A 'Log On' link is visible in the top right corner. On the left side, there is a 'CLOSE MENU' button and a navigation menu with three items: 'General Information' (expanded), 'Minimum Browser Requirements' (highlighted in yellow), and 'Online Testing'. The main content area contains a 'Welcome to eDIRECT' message and a 'Log On' modal dialog box. The dialog box has a title bar 'Log On' and a legend '\* Indicates required fields'. It contains two input fields: 'Email Address' and 'Password', both marked with a red asterisk. Below the fields are 'Log On' and 'Cancel' buttons. A 'Forgot Password?' link is located at the bottom right of the dialog box. The background text on the page includes 'Data Recognition Corporation', 'This Web site provides program information', 'To access program information, please log on to the secure site using the secure link in the upper right of this page.', and a section for 'NeSA testing program' with a 'Log On' button.



# Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

- <https://ne.drcedirect.com/>
- District Assessment Contact accounts already in place
- District, School, and Test Administrator roles
- Questions about how to assign others permissions to access Reports in eDIRECT?
  - Contact DRC Nebraska Customer Service
    - Call Toll Free (866) 342-6280
    - [necustomerservice@datarecognitioncorp.com](mailto:necustomerservice@datarecognitioncorp.com)



# Important Documents related to Reports

- General Information > Documents > 2013-2014 NeSA-Writing
  - 2014 NeSA-Writing Reports Interpretive Guide
  - Data Elements for 2014 NeSA-Writing District File

The screenshot displays the eDIRECT Online Data Portal interface. At the top, the DRC Corporation logo is on the left, and the eDIRECT Online Data Portal logo is on the right, along with a welcome message for John Born and links for Home and Log Off. The main navigation sidebar on the left includes options like General Information, Minimum Browser Requirements, Security Agreement, Documents (circled in red), Announcements, Manage Users, Enrollments, eDirect Setup, and Materials. A yellow arrow points from the 'Documents' menu item to the 'Show Documents' button in the main content area. The 'Documents' section features a filter for Administration (set to '2013-2014 NeSA-Writing') and a Document Type filter (set to '(All)'). Below the filters is a 'Show Documents' button and a table with columns for Administration, Document Type, Title, Description, Date, and Action.

# Reports Interpretive Guide

**NeSA**  
Writing

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**R**eports Interpretive  
**Guide**

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NeSA-Writing  
Grades 4, 8, and 11  
Spring 2014

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NeSA-W 2014 Reports Interpretive Guide

# Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

- Reports Menu > View Reports
- Administration, District, and School dropdowns
- Report dropdown
- Show Reports button

The screenshot shows the eDIRECT interface. At the top left is the DRC logo with the tagline 'A Partner For Excellence'. At the top right is the eDIRECT logo and a welcome message for John Born. The sidebar menu on the left has 'View Reports' highlighted in yellow and circled in red. The main content area is titled 'View Reports' and contains several dropdown menus: 'Administration' (set to '2013-2014 NeSA-Writing'), 'District' (set to 'WAHOO PUBLIC SCHO'), 'School' (set to '(All)'), and 'Report' (set to '(All)'). Below these are two buttons: 'Show Reports' and 'Download Reports'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Show Reports' button. Below the buttons is a table header with columns: 'Admin', 'Report', 'Title', 'District', 'School', 'Date', and 'Action'. Below the table is a message: 'Choose from the above filters and click on 'Show Reports' to view matching 'Reports''.

# Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

- Action Column > Open PDF 
- Action Column > Save PDF 
- Download Reports button 
- Group by column

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Online Data Portal

Welcome John Born!  
Home | Log Off

**View Reports**

Administration  
2013-2014 NeSA-Writing

District: WAHOO PUBLIC SCHO... School: (All) Report: School Student Roster

Show Reports Download Reports

Drag a column header here to group by that column

Reports						
Administration	Report	Title	District ▲	School ▲	Date ▼	Action
2013-2014 NeSA-Writing	School Student Roster	Writing School Student Roster - Grades 4, 8 & 11	780039000	780039001	4/10/2014	  
2013-2014 NeSA-Writing	School Student Roster	Writing School Student Roster - Grades 4, 8 & 11	780039000	780039002	4/10/2014	  
2013-2014 NeSA-Writing	School Student Roster	Writing School Student Roster - Grades 4, 8 & 11	780039000	780039003	4/10/2014	  

# Interpreting School Student Roster Reports



NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
NEBRASKA STATE ACCOUNTABILITY (NeSA-W)  
SCHOOL WRITING STUDENT ROSTER  
SPRING 2014

GRADE 11

DISTRICT: SAMPLE DISTRICT (99-9999-999)  
SCHOOL: SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)

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Performance Level Ranges		Performance		Domain Score <sup>3</sup>				Scale Score
Exceeds the Standards	99-99	Level <sup>1</sup>	Note <sup>2</sup>	Ideas/Content	Organization	Word Choice/Voice	Sentence Fluency/Conventions	
Meets the Standards	99-99							
Below the Standards	99 and below							
STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X	XXX	9	9	9	9	99
STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X		9	9	9	9	99
STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X		9	9	9	9	99
STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X		9	9	9	9	99
STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X	X	9	9	9	9	99
STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X		9	9	9	9	99
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STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X		9	9	9	9	99
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STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X		9	9	9	9	99
STUDENT'S LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL 123456789		X		9	9	9	9	99

<sup>1</sup>E = Exceeds the Standards, M = Meets the Standards, B = Below the Standards

<sup>2</sup>ALT = Alternate Assessment, EMW = Emergency Medical Waiver, INV = Invalid, NLE = No Longer Enrolled, OTH = Other, PAR = Parent Refusal, SAE = Student Absent for the Entire Testing Window, B = Blank, C = Copy of Prompt, F = Foreign Language, I = Insufficient, R = Refusal, T = Off Topic, U = Illegible/Incoherent

X1 = Student possibly lost work and logged back in

X2 = Student possibly lost work and did not log back in

X3 = Student lost connection during the 1/23/14 outage

X4 = Student had three or more logins

<sup>3</sup>Each domain score is the sum of the two readers for the domain. For a scoreable paper, scores can range from 2 to 8. Please refer to the rubric.

99-9999-999 99/99/0000



# Interpreting School Student Roster Reports

## ■ The Data

- PRELIMINARY
- Provides individual student scores only; no summary data
- Includes performance level, scores on each of the four NeSA-Writing domains, and scale scores for each student
- Indicates reasons students were not tested, non-scorable codes

# Interpreting School Student Roster Reports

## ■ The Footnotes

### ● About Performance Levels

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### ● About Notes

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### ● About Domain Scores

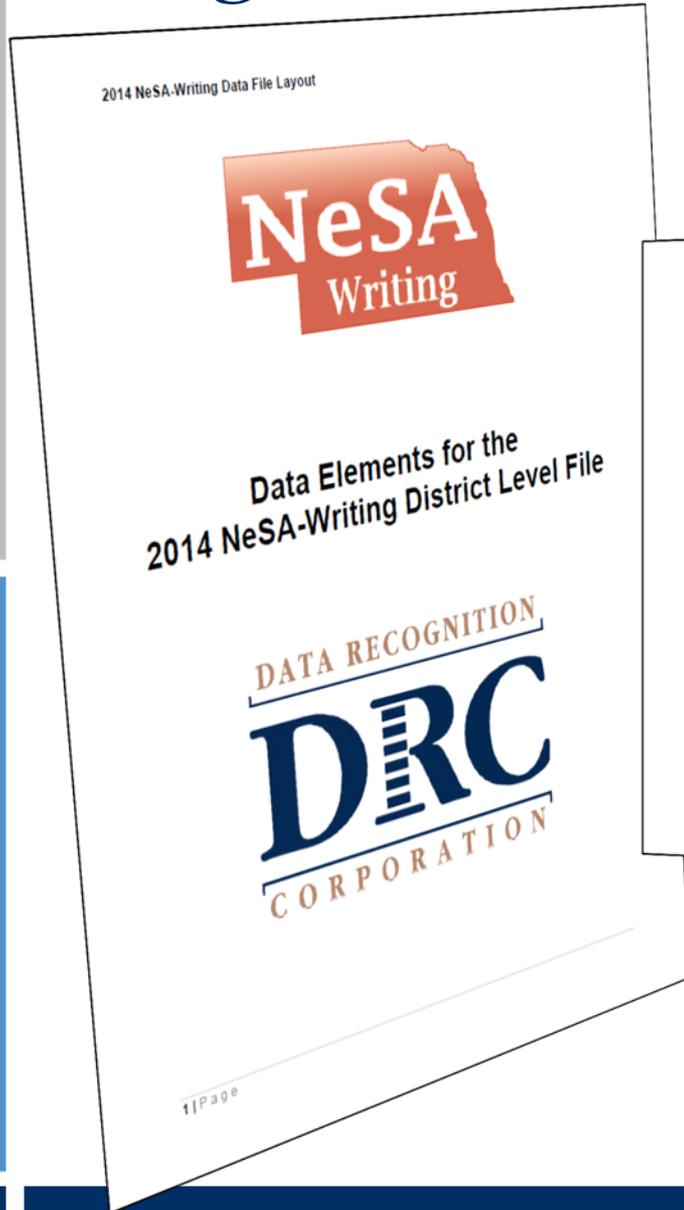
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# Using the District Data File

- Data Elements for the 2014 NeSA-Writing District Data File
- File is in CSV format
- Downloading & filtering
- Transferring data to local student information systems



# Using the District Data File



2014 NeSA-Writing Data File Layout

### Data Elements for the 2014 NeSA-W District Level File

*NOTE: The 2014 NeSA-W District Level File will be in .csv format. The file will open with your default spreadsheet application, most commonly Microsoft Excel.*

Column	Ref #	Column Name	Column Position	Data Type (Length)	Description/Value(s)
A	1010	Year	1	Numeric (4)	Current year
B	1020	Project Code	2	Alpha (max – 7)	NeSA-W
C	1030	DRC Student ID	3	Numeric (max of 10)	Internal student ID
D	1040	District Code	4	Numeric (9)	district code
E	1050	School Code	5	Numeric (9)	school code
F	1060	Unused	6	(10)	
G	1070	NSSRS	7	Numeric (10)	student state ID
					Grade of the student.

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