



■ ■ ■ DRC Information Session on 2015 NeSA-Writing Reports

April 14-15, 2015



Agenda

- WebEx Rules of Engagement
- DRC Contact Information
- Key Dates
- Accessing Data Files and Reports in eDIRECT
- Interpreting Summary Reports
- Using the District Data File
- 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 14-15 – Reports WebEx Training Sessions
- April 16 – **PRELIMINARY** NeSA-Writing District Data File and Summary Reports available on eDIRECT – **EMBARGOED until public release of scores**
- April 20-May 1 – Score Verification requests due to NDE
- August 19 – **FINAL NeSA-Writing District Data File, Summary Reports, and Individual Student Reports posted to eDIRECT**
- September 3 – Printed Individual Student Reports delivered to districts



Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

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

The screenshot shows the eDIRECT login interface. 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' button is visible in the top right corner. On the left side, there is a 'CLOSE MENU' button and a navigation menu with options: 'General Information', 'Minimum Browser Requirements' (highlighted in yellow), and 'Online Testing'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to eDIRECT' message and a 'Data Recognition' section. A 'Log On' dialog box is centered on the screen, containing the following text: '* Indicates required fields', 'Email Address' (with a text input field and an asterisk), 'Password' (with a text input field and an asterisk), and two buttons: 'Log On' and 'Cancel'. Below the dialog box, there is a link for 'Forgot Password?'. The background text on the right side of the page includes: 'ka educators to eDIRECT!', 'links to online testing tools and ability (NeSA) testing program.', 'ool personnel need to log onto', and 'To log on, press the **Log On**'.



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



Important Documents related to Reports

- General Information > Documents > 2014-2015 NeSA-Writing
 - 2015 NeSA-Writing Reports Interpretive Guide
 - Data Elements for 2015 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 user greeting: "Welcome John Born! Home | Log Off". The main navigation sidebar on the left includes "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 main content area.

The main content area is titled "Documents" and features a "Documents" tab and an "Upload Document" button. Below this, there is a section for "Instructions" and a form with two dropdown menus: "Administration" (set to "Administration") and "Document Type" (set to "(All)"). A "Show Documents" button is located below the form.

Below the form, there is a table header for "Documents" with columns: "Administration", "Document Type", "Title", "Description", "Date", and "Action".

At the bottom of the page, the eDIRECT Online Data Portal logo and the DRC Corporation logo are displayed.

Reports Interpretive Guide

NeSA
Writing

Reports Interpretive
Guide

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

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Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

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

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Online Data Portal

Welcome John Born!
Home | Log Off

View Reports

Administration

District: WAHOO PUBLIC SCHO | School: (All) | Report: (All)

Show Reports | Download Reports

Reports						
Admin	Report	Title	District	School	Date	Action
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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Welcome John Born!
Home | Log Off

View Reports

Administration
[Dropdown]

District: WAHOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 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
[Dropdown]	School Student Roster	Writing School Student Roster - Grades 4, 8 & 11	780039000	780039001	4/10/2014	  
[Dropdown]	School Student Roster	Writing School Student Roster - Grades 4, 8 & 11	780039000	780039002	4/10/2014	  
[Dropdown]	School Student Roster	Writing School Student Roster - Grades 4, 8 & 11	780039000	780039003	4/10/2014	  

Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

- District Reports – NeSA-Writing
 - District Data File
 - Includes all demographic and writing results information for students in grades 4, 8, and 11.
 - District Writing Summary
 - Lists all students by different demographic information and presents a summary of their performance.



**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NEBRASKA STATE ACCOUNTABILITY (NeSA-W)
DISTRICT WRITING SUMMARY
SPRING 2015**

GRADE 8

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

Student Groups Included in State Results	Average Scale Score ¹	Average Domain Score ²				% Below the Standards	% Meets the Standards	% Exceeds the Standards	Number Tested	Number Not Tested ³
		Ideas/Content	Organization	Word Choice/Voice	Sentence Fluency/Conventions					
All Students	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Male	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Female	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
American Indian/Alaska Native	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Asian	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Black	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
White	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Hispanic	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Two or More Races	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Free and Reduced	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Not Free and Reduced	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
LEP/ELL Eligible	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Not LEP/ELL Eligible	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Special Education	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Not Special Education	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Spanish Assessments	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999

Other Student Groups	Number of Students
Emergency Medical Waiver	999
Alternate Assessment	999
Language Other than English or Spanish	999

¹Includes: zero scores for **INV** = Invalid, **PAR** = Parent Refusal, **SAE** = Student Absent for the Entire Testing Window

²Each 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.

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Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

- District Reports – NeSA-Writing
 - District Report of School Performance
 - Includes all schools within the district that tested students.



**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NEBRASKA STATE ACCOUNTABILITY (NeSA-W)
DISTRICT WRITING REPORT OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
SPRING 2015**

GRADE 8

DISTRICT: SAMPLE DISTRICT (99-9999-999)

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Performance Level Ranges		Writing									
		Average Scale Score ¹	Average Domain Score ²				% Below the Standards	% Meets the Standards	% Exceeds the Standards	Number Tested	Number Not Tested ³
Ideas/Content	Organization		Word Choice/Voice	Sentence Fluency/Conventions							
Exceeds the Standards	99-99										
Meets the Standards	99-99										
Below the Standards	99 and below										
STATE SUMMARY		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	99,999	9,999
DISTRICT SUMMARY		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
SAMPLE SCHOOL (99-9999-999)		99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
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Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

- School Reports – NeSA-Writing
 - School Writing Summary
 - Lists all students by different demographic information and presents a summary of their performance.



**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NEBRASKA STATE ACCOUNTABILITY (NeSA-W)
SCHOOL WRITING SUMMARY
SPRING 2015**

GRADE 8

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

Student Groups Included in State Results	Average Scale Score ¹	Average Domain Score ²				% Below the Standards	% Meets the Standards	% Exceeds the Standards	Number Tested	Number Not Tested ³
		Ideas/Content	Organization	Word Choice/Voice	Sentence Fluency/Conventions					
All Students	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
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Not Free and Reduced	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
LEP/ELL Eligible	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Not LEP/ELL Eligible	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Special Education	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
Not Special Education	99	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99	99	99	9,999	999
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Accessing Reports & Data Files in eDIRECT

- School Reports – NeSA-Writing
 - School Student Roster
 - Lists students who were required to take the NeSA-Writing test and presents a summary of their performance.



**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NEBRASKA STATE ACCOUNTABILITY (NeSA-W)
SCHOOL WRITING STUDENT ROSTER
SPRING 2015**

GRADE 11

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

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Performance Level Ranges		Performance		Domain Score ³				Scale Score
Exceeds the Standards	99-99	Level ¹	Note ²	Ideas/Content	Organization	Word Choice/Voice	Sentence Fluency/Conventions	
Meets the Standards	99-99							
Below the Standards	99 and below							
State Average				9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99
District Average				9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99
School Average				9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	99
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
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		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

¹E = Exceeds the Standards, M = Meets the Standards, B = Below the Standards

²ALT = 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

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Interpreting Individual & Summary Data

- The Data
 - PRELIMINARY
- Summary Data for Small Groups
 - Use caution when student identity could be easily inferred from sample data.
 - With fewer than 10 students, inferences from the performance level percentages are not reliable.
- The Footnotes

The Footnotes

- **About Scores Included in Summary Data**

Includes: zero scores for INV = Invalid, PAR= Parent Refusal, SAE = Student Absent for the Entire Testing Window

- **About Domain Scores**

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.

- **About Number Not Tested**

Includes: INV = Invalid, PAR= Parent Refusal, SAE = Student Absent for the Entire Testing Window

- **About Performance Levels(School Writing Student Roster Only)**

E = Exceeds the Standards, M = Meets the Standards, B = Below the Standards

- **About Notes (School Writing Student Roster Only)**

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

Interpreting District Data Files

2015 NeSA-Writing Data File Layout



Data Elements for the
2015 NeSA-Writing District Level



1 | Page

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
H	1080	Grade	8	Numeric (2)	Grade of the student. 04 – Grade 4 08 – Grade 8 11 – Grade 11
I	1090	Last Name	9	Alpha (max of 50)	Student's last name
J	1100	First Name	10	Alpha (max of 50)	Student's first name

Using the District Data File

- Data Elements for the 2015 NeSA-Writing District Data File
- File is in CSV format
- Downloading & filtering
- Transferring data to local student information systems



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