Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) Scoring Rules

These rules apply to NeSA-Reading, NeSA-Writing, NeSA-AA (Alternate), English Language Development Assessment (ELDA), NeSA-Mathematics,and NeSA-Science.

NeSA is a system of state tests and the tests are scored by vendors. The scores are inserted by NDE into the NSSRS for statewide calculations, and the scoring rules may differ from those used by districts in local assessment.

The Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS) will be expecting a test score for all students required to be tested in the accountability system including all NeSA tests listed above. Test scores will be reported to parents in individual progress reports.

The following scoring rules apply to all students, including those with disabilities or those learning the English language. The scoring rules will be applied during the current school year.

1. All enrolled students in required grade levels are to be included in Nebraska State Accountability in one of three ways:
    - NeSA – General education tests
    - NeSA – General education tests with approved accommodations
    - NeSA – Alternate Assessment

2. If enrolled students are not tested, the district must account for the reason why a student is not tested:
    - Emergency medical waiver-granted only through the Statewide Assessment Office (waived score)
    - Recently arrived limited-English speaking students who have attended schools is the U.S. for less than 12 months (waived score for reading test only).
    - Parent refusal (zero score)
    - Absent for entire window (zero score)
    - No longer enrolled (moved-waived score)

3. All students will be tested at grade level.

4. Students will receive scores only on the items that are completed. Incomplete items will count as incorrect items.

5. Students will be considered a participant for AYP or in AMAOs if they respond to at least one question or prompt.

6. If a student is given an out-of-level test, the student will receive a zero. He/she will not be counted as a participant for AYP or in AMAOs.

7. If teachers modify the test, all resulting scores are zeros.

8. If a parent refuses (in writing) to allow a student to participate in a test, the student will receive a zero score and non-participant status in AYP/AMAOs.

9. Students will be able to receive accommodations as outlined in their IEPs and as allowed by the *Nebraska State Accountability Approved Accommodations Document.*