

**The Nebraska Career Education team sends best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy Holiday season!**

### **Official Modifications to Nebraska's Perkins State Goals**

The link below contains a revised document detailing Nebraska's official Federal Agreed Upon Performance Levels (FAUPLs) - AKA Perkins state goals - for the remainder of the Perkins IV legislation. Please note that our performance goals for the secondary indicator 1S2 (Academic Attainment in Mathematics) have been officially revised downward to coincide with Nebraska's AYP goals for math. This change takes effect immediately. As such, for 2010-2011 Perkins accountability purposes, all Perkins participating Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will be held to the new 1S2 goals detailed in the FAUPL document linked below. We are in the process of revising the State of the Schools report, Data Reporting System, and other outlets of dissemination to accurately reflect the new Perkins goals. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Matt Hastings at [matt.hastings@nebraska.gov](mailto:matt.hastings@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-3104. See the attached pdf or visit our Accountability website: [http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/Accountability/Images/State\\_Goals\\_FAUPL.pdf](http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/Accountability/Images/State_Goals_FAUPL.pdf)

### **Important Change in Equipment Guidelines**

As stated on page 3-5 of the Perkins IV Management Guide:

It is not permissible to buy residential grade equipment and seek Perkins reimbursement. Any equipment purchased (both <\$5,000 and >\$5000 per item) must be industry grade and quality to be eligible for reimbursement.

As of October 21, 2011 this has been updated to read:

*In the case of food and food science labs, residential grade equipment may be purchased with Perkins funds to modernize or expand career and technical education offerings. However, any equipment (free standing or counter top) purchased **must** demonstrate or showcase the most recent technology within the equipment category. For example: a low end, coil burner, electric range does not demonstrate or showcase the most recent technology in electric ranges. Residential grade washers/dryers, salt and pepper shakers, flatware, spatulas, private label products sold through home parties outlets, used/damaged or discounted because of damage, light grade plastic products (bowl toppers), etc., are not approvable and are the responsibility of the local school.*

Please place this information in your Perkins Manual under section 3, page 5. For specific questions please contact Carol Ringenberg at [carol.ringenberg@nebraska.gov](mailto:carol.ringenberg@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-4813.

### **Nebraska Career Education Calendar**

For specific dates, grant timelines, and NCE happening, please access the NCE 2011-2012 calendar at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/Calendar.html>. Also, check back frequently for additions and updates.

### **2013-Perkins Intent to Participate**

The Perkins "intent to participate in Perkins" funding will again be opening in March 2012. The site is accessed through the NDE Portal at

<https://portal.nde.state.ne.us/Site/DesktopDefault.aspx> through the “Data Collections” tab. Because of the new reporting requirements of NSSRS, NCE will not need to collect the Programs of Study information through this site. Districts are asked to simply indicate whether they wish to participate; join a consortium or act as a stand-alone; and certify they meet Essential Components. The entire process should not take more than 5 minutes of time. Stay tuned for more details.

**What: Nebraska Career Education Conference**

**When:** June 5-7, 2012

**Where:** Youness Conference Center, Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska  
Registration will open on April 1, 2012.

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