

**NDE Bulletin**  
**August 2, 2012**

**2011-2012 NSSRS Correction window – OPEN August 1-10, 2012**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

Please review the 2011-2012 NSSRS Calendar for templates included. The calendar is available on the NSSRS Resources web page <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>

**2012-2013 NSSRS Calendar**

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The 2012-2013 NSSRS Calendar has been updated and can be downloaded from the NSSRS Resources web page <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>

**NSSRS Data Manager and Student Unique Identifier (Uniq-ID)**

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NSSRS Data Manager and Student Unique Identifier (Uniq-ID) in the NDE Portal will be offline on Monday, August 13 and Tuesday August 14 for upgrades. We hope to have both applications available again on Wednesday, August 15, although the exact date for re-opening will depend on the progress of the upgrade processes.

**2011-2012 Summer School Supplement – CDC Collection - OPEN August 1, 2012**

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This collection is for Public Districts only and collects the total Prorated Days of Attendance of the District's Summer School Programs or if no summer school was held. The collection is due to NDE August 31, 2012.

**Graduation Cohort**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

Please review your 2012 Cohort Four-Year Graduation Rate and the 2011 Cohort Extended 5<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation Rate in the **Graduation Cohort Analysis Tool** (G-CAT) in NSSRS Validation. The G-CAT includes the demographic subgroup information. The demographic subgroups are reported at final status at the district or school and include: Race/Ethnicity, Special Education Student, English Language Learners, Student Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch, and Gender

**High Ability Learners (HAL) – OPEN August 3**

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Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, all High Ability Learners (HAL) reporting will no longer be done on paper. All data submitted for HAL will be through the NDE Portal under the **Data Collection Tab**. This will include 2011-12 Year-End and Budget Reports and 2012-13 Funds Application. This application will be due to NDE September 1, 2012.

### **NCLB Qualified and Student Grades – Make Corrections August 1-10, 2012**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

Beginning in 2011-2012, data to determine a teacher's NCLB status is being extracted from the Student Grades template. Please be sure ALL teachers have been included on a Student Grades template, there are numerous staff members appearing as **No course or student grades data reported**. In doing some review of the Student Grades data, it appears that some Student Grades data was reported at the wrong location (i.e. all Student Grades Templates had location 001 rather than the appropriate location) and is therefore not matching up to the teacher. Please review the **NCLB Non-Qualified Verification Report** located in NSSRS Validation and make the necessary corrections between August 1 and August 10, 2012. Not doing so will affect your district's NCLB Qualified status percentages for 2011-2012, as well as the statewide data. This data will be displayed on the 2011-2012 State of the Schools Report

### **Teachers Assigned Out of Endorsed Area or Level – Make Corrections August 1-10, 2012**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

Beginning in 2011-2012, data to determine if a teacher is endorsed or not endorsed is being extracted from the Student Grades and the Student Templates. This data will not be used for meeting Rule 10 but is available for your review and for review by Approval and Accreditation staff. Please review and if necessary make appropriate changes to the Student Grades template. Remember, staff that are monitoring distance learning courses or web-based courses will show on this report, this will be resolved in 2012-2013 with an addition to the Student Grades template.

### **REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) Eligible School Districts and any other districts intending to access funds from the federal government**

Contact: Roger Reikofski (402-471-2968 or [roger.reikofski@nebraska.gov](mailto:roger.reikofski@nebraska.gov))

The Central Contractor Registry (CCR) is no longer operational. As of July 29, 2012 all active information for school districts was migrated to the System for Award Management (SAM). In order to access REAP SRSA (Small Rural Schools Act) funds, or any other funds directly from the federal government G5 website, your district must create an account in SAM and ensure information, including a DUNS (Data Unification Numbering System) number and CCR information, is present and accurate. If your CCR information was not active, it may not have moved over and you may have to update all information in SAM once an account has been created. All information in SAM must be updated, at a minimum, every 12 months, as was the case with the CCR.

The site to login to SAM can be found at this link: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>

There is a website with FAQs devoted to this topic at this link: <https://www.fsd.gov/app/answers/list>

### **ESEA/NCLB 2012-13 Allocations**

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov))

The ESEA/NCLB Title I allocations for the 2012-13 school year have been posted to the NDE Federal Programs website <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html>. Allocations will be listed in the right hand column beneath the **Federal Programs** header and the **Financial Files** sub-header.

Allocations for the following programs will be posted by **Friday, August 3, 2012**.

**Title II, Part A**

**Title III, LEP**

**Title III, IE**

The programs listed below were not funded for the 2012-13 school year:

**Title II, Part D**

**Title IV, Part A**

**Title V, Part A**

**Nebraska Withdrawal From Mandatory Attendance Form (NDE 10-005)**

Contact: Brian Halstead (402-471-0732 or [brian.halstead@nebraska.gov](mailto:brian.halstead@nebraska.gov))

Beginning July 19, 2012, Section 79-202 provides that any person with legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age may withdraw such child from school before graduation and be exempt from the mandatory attendance laws. Upon the written request of any person who has legal or actual charge or control of such a child, the superintendent of a school district or the superintendent's designee shall conduct an exit interview if the child is enrolled in a school operated by the school district or the child resides in the school district but is enrolled in a private, denominational or parochial school.

Section 79-202(8) provides that the Commissioner of Education shall prescribe the required form for withdrawals pursuant Section 79-202. The Nebraska Withdrawal from Attendance Form can be found in the NDE Portal under the Forms tab along with the Instructions for Completion of the Form, and can be accessed at the following link:

<https://portal.education.ne.gov/site/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabindex=1&tabid=7> Withdrawal from attendance under Section 79-202 shall be valid only if the person making the request signs the prescribed form, the child signs the prescribed form if the reason is required employment to support the child's family, and the Superintendent or designee signs the prescribed form acknowledging that all of the requirements of Section 79-202 have been met.

**NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed**

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We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

**How to contact the NDE Helpdesk**

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions. All three ways get to the same place, so **please only use one of these options.**

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email : [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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