

NDE Bulletin
October 18, 2012

SAVE THE DATE – 2013 State Data Conference

April 29-30, 2013 – Kearney Nebraska

Personnel Change – Data, Research and Evaluation team

Dr. Marilyn Peterson is now the interim administrator of the Data, Research and Evaluation team. She can be reached at: marilyn.peterson@nebraska.gov or 402-471-4740.

Extension of NSSRS Collection Windows

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

The dates for the following NSSRS Collection Windows have been changed.

2011-2012 NSSRS Follow-up 1 will now close on Wednesday, October 24th.

2011-2012 NSSRS Follow-up 2 will now be open from October 25th – November 15th

2012-2013 NSSRS Fall Review will now close on Wednesday, October 31st.

Please see the updated calendar available on our web site at
<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Calendar>

GMS Final Reimbursement Requests

Contact: Shane Rhian (402-471-4313 or shane.rhian@nebraska.gov)

Final reimbursement requests for federally funded grants paid through GMS are due to NDE Financial Services, in approvable format, by November 15, 2012.

Applicable grants include:

- McKinney Homeless Grant
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
 - Title IA
 - Title ID
 - Title IIA
 - Title IID
 - Title III-IE
 - Title III-LEP
- SPED IDEA Collaborative Grant
- SPED IDEA Early Development Network Grant
- SPED IDEA Sec Transition Grant
- SPED IDEA Consolidated Grant
 - Base
 - Preschool
 - Enrollment - Poverty
 - CEIS
 - NonPublic

- Title I Accountability Funds
- Title IC – Migrant

When submitting reimbursement requests, keep the following in mind:

- Supporting documentation needs to be supplied for journal entries and credit card procurement charges
- When making payments to individuals, be specific as to what the payment is for
- For parent activities, be specific as to what was purchased and who participated in the activity
- Whenever computers are purchased with Title I Funds, they must be listed on the consolidated application on the Capital Outlay/Equipment – Operational Equipment page. Computer purchases cannot be approved if they are not listed. This includes electronic items such as ipads, ipods, Kindles, or anything considered small and attractive.
- Service Provider tab must be completed for all non-school district service providers for IDEA grants.

2011-2012 Special Education School Age Final Financial Report

Contacts: Financial Questions, Greg Prochazka (402-471-4314 or greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov)
 Financial Questions, Tim Baker (402-471-3571 or tim.baker@nebraska.gov)
 Data Input Questions, Lori Adams (402-471-2637 or lori.adams@nebraska.gov)

This Data Collection can be found on the NDE Portal under the Data Collections tab, within the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC).

- [School Age \(SA FFR\) \(NDE PORTAL – CDC collection\)](#) - Due on or before October 31, 2012.

Copies of contracted services billings **ARE** required (Collection Opens – September 1). This collection can be found on the NDE Portal under the Data Collections tab in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC). Activation code user types of Financial, All or Approver will give access to this collection.

The Final Financial Report for School Age will no longer be collecting staff data based on Social Security Number. All staff being claimed on the Final Financial Reports must have a NDE Staff ID. For assistance with the NDE Staff ID contact the NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Please refer to [92 NAC 51](#) for information regarding late submission of required forms. Nebraska Department of Education is now required to give school districts an annual “determination rating” regarding compliance with IDEA Parts B & C, as a result of the reauthorization of IDEA 2004. Included within the federal criteria being considered by NDE are: (1) timely and accurate submission of special education fiscal data and, (2) special education fiscal audit findings.

2012-2013 Teacher Vacancy Survey (CDC collection) - Open October 15

Contact: Karen Buller (402-471-2444 or karen.buller@nebraska.gov)
Public districts only

The Teacher Vacancy Survey is an annual collection from all Nebraska public school districts for the purpose of gathering data relating to teacher supply. The information collected from survey responses is essential in determining official teacher shortage areas for the state. Teachers employed to teach in a content area that has been designated as an official teacher shortage area may be eligible for a number of state and federal teacher loan forgiveness opportunities. The Teacher Vacancy Survey opens October

15 and is due November 15. The survey can be found in the Portal under the Consolidated Data Collection.

State of the Schools Report – Timeline

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

State of the Schools Report Timeline	
October 9	Preliminary release of the State of the Schools report for 2011-12 SY to districts. AYP decisions posted on the SOSR Review 2012 Districts have 30 days to submit appeals of AYP decisions
November	Public Release of the State of the Schools Report for the 2011-12 SY

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
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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