The 2013 Annual NDE Data Conference “THE POWER OF DATA” will be held April 29 & 30, 2013 in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center. Please visit the conference website at http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov to register ($100).

Session Information is now available on the NDE Conference website. This information is subject to change, and will be updated as available. Please check here for the latest information about the sessions to be presented at the 2013 NDE Data Conference.

**Verification Reports for Teachers**

Contact: Pam Tagart (402-471-4735 or pam.tagart@nebraska.gov)

Two verification reports are now available for 2012-2013 under Verification Reports – Student or Staff. Student Grades: Teacher Courses and Teachers No Courses. Please review these reports when entering Student Grades data to ensure all teachers have courses or if their position code may need to be changed. If you need assistance, please contact the NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov).

**The Following New Validations Are Now Active in the NSSRS Validation Website**

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

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**Intent to Participate in Carl D. Perkins activities FY 2013-2014 (Perkins IV Career & Technical Education 2013-2014) – DUE MAY 1, 2013**

Contact information: Teri Sloup (402-471-4809 or teri.sloup@nebraska.gov)

The purpose of this notification is to request action to complete the intent to participate process for Perkins funding during the 2013-2014 program year.

All school districts, even if participating in a consortium, career academy, or choosing not to participate, must complete the data collection.

This action is accomplished through the official submission of the intent and eligibility to participate in Perkins through the NDE Portal under the “Data Collections” tab. This specific data collection is entitled “Perkins IV Career and Technical Education.” OFFICAL Submission can only be done by the District Administrator.

The online system asks district officials to:
1) Determine Intent to Participate in Perkins with consortium identification if applicable;
2) Validate the existence of all Essential Career Education Components within the School District; and
3) Identify the Career Student Organizations offered within the School District

The deadline for completing the online submission is May 1, 2013.

**Waiver Notice: Title I, Part A Carryover Limitation**

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

Title I, Part A Carryover Limitation Waiver Notice
Posted April 15, 2013
Comments Due April 29, 2013

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is applying to the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver of the limitation in section 1127(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) that prohibits a State educational agency (SEA) from granting to a local educational agency (LEA) a waiver of the Title I, Part A carryover limitation in section 1127(a) of the ESEA more than once every three years. Section 1127(b) permits an SEA to waive the limitation in section 1127(a) once every three years if: (1) the LEA’s request is reasonable and necessary; or (2) a supplemental Title I, Part A appropriation becomes available. In accordance with these provisions, NDE is requesting a waiver to allow carryover limitation more than once every three years for an LEA that needs the additional waiver because it would be reasonable and necessary due to the sequester, which has resulted in additional uncertainty about the amount of Federal fiscal year (FY) 2013 Title I, Part A funds that will be available for use by LEAs primarily in the 2013–2014 school year. NDE is requesting this waiver to permit an LEA to carry over FY 2012 Title I, Part A funds in excess of the carryover limitation).

NDE will ensure that an LEA that is interested in obtaining a waiver of the carryover limitation in ESEA section 1127(a) so that it may carry over more than 15 percent of its Title I, Part A FY 2012 allocation and has already received such a waiver within the prior three years, applies to the SEA in accordance with NDE’s regular procedures for waivers of the carryover limitation.

NDE hereby assures that it will implement the requested waiver only with respect to an LEA that needs a waiver of the carryover limitation for the second time within three years because of the sequester.

Public notice is required prior to NDE submitting a request. Comments are encouraged and should be submitted to diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov by the close of business on Monday, April 29, 2013.

**2012-2013 Student Grades Template & Reporting Preschool Students**

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

Courses completed by prekindergarten students must be reported. The following courses apply:

**180000 – Self Contained Classroom**

Staff reported as P-1160 (regular early childhood Teacher) or 7-1160 (SPED early childhood
teacher) and if the students have a Programs Fact Template—Early Childhood EC-XXXXX or *180005 – Home-Based Program (Non-Sped)
Staff reported as P-1160 (regular early childhood Teacher) or
*194000 – Special Education In-Home Setting
Staff reported as 7-1160 (sped early childhood Teacher)

*The Home Based course descriptions are inclusive of teaching/coaching parents and families of young children birth to kindergarten eligible entrance age in the child’s home. See the 2012-2013 Course Code and Clearing Endorsement Document for further information at: http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/2012-2013_Course_Code_Clearing_Endorsements_4_0_0.pdf

NeSA-RMS Key Dates
Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMS are presented in the following table. Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html

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**NeSA-Writing**
Writing Reporting WebEx (10 a.m.) April 23
Writing Reporting WebEx (1 p.m.) April 24
Writing reports available to districts on eDIRECT April 29

**NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed**
Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

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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