

**NDE Bulletin**  
**April 25, 2013**



**2013 Annual NDE Data Conference - Registration**

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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.*



**2012-2013 Staff Reporting Updates to Salary Data**

Contact: Kathy Heskett (402-471-4738 or [kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov](mailto:kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov))

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

The Upload Staging File Records option in the 2012-2013 Staff Reporting has now been enabled for those districts that need to update the Salary Data. It is strongly suggested that if districts want to use this option to first use the Download Staging File Records option and update the Staff Demographics file and then use the Upload Staging File Records option. **REMEMBER –BOTH THE STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS FILE AND THE STAFF POSITION ASSIGNMENT FILE WILL NEED TO BE DOWNLOADED AND RE-UPLOADED (Staff Demographics file first, followed by the Position Assignment file).** The same processes will apply. All records should be "green" to show as complete. Reprocess Staff errors should be run in NSSRS Validation and Staff Verification Reports should be checked. If data is extracted from your system to be uploaded, you will wipe out the data submitted previously. Be sure to include all staff that served your district in 2012-2013.



**Student Match Data - National Student Clearinghouse "StudentTracker"**

Contact: Matt Hastings (402-471-3104 or [matt.hastings@nebraska.gov](mailto:matt.hastings@nebraska.gov))

NDE recently updated student match information provided by the National Student Clearinghouse. For many districts, this resource is used to support data matching and follow-up requirements for state and federal reporting (e.g. Carl D. Perkins Career Education) in addition to tracking and assessing the educational achievement of former students.

In 2012, the Nebraska Department of Education entered into a state-level agreement that provides free access for all public schools in Nebraska to StudentTracker information. In the past, in order to access StudentTracker information, districts were required to enter into an agreement directly with the National Student Clearinghouse. However, this is no longer the case. Now, the Nebraska Department of Education provides StudentTracker information directly to school districts via the NDE portal.

To access this information, enter the NSSRS Validation section of the NDE portal. Next, locate the “Data Downloads” tab in the blue options ribbon at the top of the page. Beneath the “Data Downloads” tab, you will find the “Student Clearinghouse” option. Selecting the “Student Clearinghouse” option provides an overview of the National Student Clearinghouse, the StudentTracker system, as well as external links for more information. At the bottom of the page you will find links to Excel data file(s) which contain the student match information from the National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker for your school district. The year represented by the link indicates the academic year in which the students contained in the file graduated with a diploma (only students graduating early or on-time are included in the file). Details explaining the data elements included in the Excel files are also provided.



**The following collections are now open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC):**

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

**State Of The Schools Report**

District/school descriptions that appear on the State of the Schools Report website; grades for reporting NRT (elementary, middle and high school); Graduation requirements; District contact for assessment data. Was open on April 1, 2013; **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact John Moon - [john.moon@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.moon@nebraska.gov), (402) 471-1685

**Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey**

NDE Principal Performance Survey and NDE Teacher Performance Survey (State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Assurances). Was open on April 15, 2013; **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-1740



**State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2013**

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

The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2013 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for districts to review their data. The 2013 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal. Note, the Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) will be released to the public in August without graduation component. Graduation rates and ranking will not be added until November in order to include students who graduate over the summer.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
April 29, 2013	NeSA Writing results released to districts in eDirect
May 24, 2013	NeSA Writing results released to public
July 10, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to districts in eDirect
July 12, 2013	2013 SOSR Preview Opens with data from End-of-Year NSSRS reports
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to public (district and school level data only )
August 13, 2013	Preliminary AYP results on the 2013 SOSR Preview for 30 day review
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results (disaggregated) on 2013 SOSR

	Preview
August 27, 2013	NePAS in 2013 SOSR Preview without graduation data or ranking
Sept. 13, 2013	AYP results final on 2013 SOSR Preview
Sept. 18, 2013	PLAS review begins on 2013 SOSR Preview
Sept. 27, 2013	SOSR 2013 released to the public
October 4, 2013	PLAS list added to the SOSR 2013 Report Card
Nov. 15, 2013	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, Drop-out data added to SOSR



### **Schoolwide Peer Review Feedback**

Contact: Beth Zillig (402-471-2452) or [beth.zillig@nebraska.gov](mailto:beth.zillig@nebraska.gov)

Due to the recent weather challenges faced throughout the state, a number of the Title I Peer Review sessions were delayed. This means NDE will be delayed in responding to schools with the results of the Peer Review process. The NDE Title I staff will get responses out to schools via e-mail as soon as possible, once all results are compiled. Schools with items deemed as missing by their peers will be contacted first.



### **The following collections will open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) on May 1**

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

#### **Report of Suspensions/Expulsions**

Suspension/Expulsions (Including Firearm Expulsions). **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated*

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3321

#### **Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours**

Days in session by grade.

Instructional program Hours –KG, Elem & Sec. Also included in this collection are Pre-K instructional hours for public district/system operated early childhood education programs by attendance site. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated*

For more information on Days In Session, contact Bryce Wilson [bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov](mailto:bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3570.

For information on Pre-Kindergarten, Tammi Hicken – [tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov](mailto:tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3184.

For information on Instructional Program Hours, Freida Lange – [freida.lange@nebraska.gov](mailto:freida.lange@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2444

#### **ESU/District/System/School Information Report**

Collects demographic data for ESUs, Districts, Systems and Schools for the next school year. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU, Interim*

For more information, contact Kathy Heskett – [kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov](mailto:kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4738

### **Nonpublic High School Completer Report**

The Nonpublic Completer Report is for each nonpublic system that has the potential of serving students in grade 12. **Due date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Nonpublic*

For more information, contact Kathy Heskett – [Kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov](mailto:Kathy.heskett@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4738

### **Annual Participation Report**

Title I Part A School-wide Projects and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Homeless – Unaccompanied. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-1740 or Beth Zillig – [beth.zillig@nebraska.gov](mailto:beth.zillig@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2452

### **Pupil Transportation Report**

Transportation/Bus Information. **Due Date 6/30/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU*

For more information, contact Janice Eret – [Janice.eret@nebraska.gov](mailto:Janice.eret@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2248

### **Postsecondary Terms**

Collects postsecondary term-specific information applicable to the 2013 academic school year. This data supports the Nebraska P16 Initiative and Nebraska P-20 SLDS. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Postsecondary Schools*

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3321



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

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto: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](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) by the close of business on Monday, April 29, 2013.**



### **Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey**

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

Every Nebraska public school district needs to complete the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC). This survey requests information regarding teachers and principals that remained in the district from the 2011-12 school year to the 2012-13 school year and those that left the district during the same time period. NDE collects this information and reports aggregate data to USDE.

The survey will be available on April 15, 2013 and is due June 14, 2013.

This is an annual data collection, and after this year, the report will be moved to a fall collection in the CDC.



### **Title I Schoolwide Self Review—Due May 1, 2013**

Contact: Beth Zillig (402-471-2452) or [beth.zillig@nebraska.gov](mailto:beth.zillig@nebraska.gov)

**This is only for *Schoolwide Buildings* scheduled to do a *Self-Review* this year**

The 2013 Schoolwide Self Review Scoresheet is now available on the Title I website <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20I%20Part%20A.html> for those Title I Schoolwide buildings scheduled to do a Self-Review this year. (Buildings highlighted in green or purple on the schedule) [http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20I/2012-13\\_SW\\_Peer\\_Monitor\\_Self\\_Schedule\\_3\\_07\\_13.pdf](http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20I/2012-13_SW_Peer_Monitor_Self_Schedule_3_07_13.pdf)

**NOTE: SCORESHEET WAS UPDATED ON 4.4.2013**

The Schoolwide Plan Peer and Self Review Rating Rubric used to complete the score sheet can also be found on the website at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20I/10-2012%20SW%20PEER%20and%20SELF%20REVIEW%20RUBRIC.pdf>

Please submit the following to the NDE Title I Office by May 1, 2013. A hard copy or an emailed scanned copy may be submitted.

1. Signed cover sheet
2. Completed score sheet (Summary scoresheet only; please do not submit the 12-page rubric)
3. Names of persons involved in the review process
4. Minutes from the meeting(s), and
5. Any changes to the building's schoolwide plan (if applicable)



### **Nonpublic Consultation for NCLB Programs—Due May 1, 2013**

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)) OR Edy Clark (402-471-2481 or [edy.clark@nebraska.gov](mailto:edy.clark@nebraska.gov))

On March 14, Public District Superintendents and ESU Administrators received an email from Diane Stuehmer, NDE Federal Programs Administrator, regarding required consultation with nonpublic schools. For Title I-A this consultation is required with every nonpublic school in which the public district has resident low-income students attending. For Titles I-C, II-A, and III-A a consultation is required with any nonpublic school that resides within the boundaries of the public school district. If the public school district receives one of the following competitive grants, a consultation is also required with nonpublic schools within the public school boundaries: Math & Science partnership, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, and Homeless Education.

If a district does not have a nonpublic building within their district boundaries, form NDE 34-014 is not required. If a district does not have any resident low-income students attending a nonpublic school, then NDE 04-012 is not required. Files were attached to the email indicating which districts need to have a consultation with one or more public schools.

Both nonpublic consultation forms are available on the NDE Federal Programs website (<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html>).

**These forms are due to the NDE Federal Programs Office by May 1, 2013. Since NDE has implemented the “Due dates are due dates” rule, any districts that are required to submit the forms and do not have them submitted by the due date of May 1<sup>st</sup> will be jeopardizing 2013-14 federal funding.**



### **Consortia for NCLB Programs—Due May 1, 2013**

Contact: Edy Clark (402-471-2481 or [edy.clark@nebraska.gov](mailto:edy.clark@nebraska.gov)) OR Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov))

Many districts choose to consort their ESEA/NCLB funds with Educational Service Units (ESUs). It is time for the discussions to take place between the ESUs and the public school districts regarding consortia / multi-district agreements for the 2013-14 school year. An email was sent to all ESU Administrators on March 14<sup>th</sup> by Edy Clark, NDE Federal Programs Administrative Assistant.

Consortia information is due to the NDE Federal Programs Office by **May 1, 2013**.



### **Substitute Teachers in the Consolidated Data Collection**

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

***Needs to be completed by ESUs, Public, Nonpublic, State Operated and Interim Programs.***

Prior to April 22, 2013, only 30 school districts or systems have submitted any data for Substitute Teachers in the Consolidated Data Collection.

June 14, 2013 is the Due Date. If you are a school that has always waited on submitting this data, this data must be submitted before your school leaves at the end of the current school year!

This data collection will permit you to upload/enter data regarding substitute teachers that have already been employed during the 2012-13 school year and receive feedback on any data errors or potential violations by your school if the individual does not currently hold a valid Nebraska certificate. By uploading/entering data now, your school will have sufficient time to correct any errors or potential violations to ensure that any substitute teachers hold a valid Nebraska certificate before the data collection closes on June 14, 2013.



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

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto: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](http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/2012-2013_Course_Code_Clearing_Endorsements_4_0_0.pdf)



### **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](mailto: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**.



### **NeSA-RMS Key Dates**

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or [valorie.foy@nebraska.gov](mailto: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>

NeSA-Reading, Math, Science	
Distribute R, M, S Materials to Test Administrators	Same Day as Testing
<b>NeSA-Reading, Mathematics, and Science Testing Window</b>	<b>March 25 – May 3</b>
Last Day for UPS to Pick Up R, M, S Test Materials From Districts	May 8
NeSA WebEx on Reporting R, M, S	July 1, 2 and 9
NeSA-R, M, S reports available to districts on eDIRECT	July 10
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](mailto: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](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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