

NDE Bulletin
July 11, 2013

New Superintendents – 2013-14 School Year

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If your district/system has a new Superintendent for the 2013-14 school year, please have them contact the NDE Helpdesk to get set up on the NDE Portal as the new District Administrator for your District. They will need to add the district admin activation code specific to the district. The previous District Admin will also need to be removed. The Helpdesk can also provide them with information on where instructions are located for the District Administrator Responsibilities and assigning activation codes.

Title II-A Update on Equipment Purchases

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During a recent webinar, the director of the Title IIA program at the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) provided participants with revised guidance concerning the use of project funds. We had formerly been told to advise school districts to limit purchases of technology items, such as computers and iPads, to those situations when the items were needed to support project related professional development activities under the “reasonable and necessary” concept that is applied to federal programs. As a result of an audit which occurred somewhere, we have now been told that Title IIA projects should not be allowed to purchase such items as computers, iPads, SMART Boards, cameras and projectors.

The OESE also has issued a directive that clarifies who may receive stipends for attending Title IIA project related training activities. An issue was raised because the legislation notes that Title IIA funds can be used to provide teachers and principals with training activities but does not mention some other types of personnel such as curriculum directors. Under the recently released information, unless curriculum directors or other personnel are teaching in the core academic subject areas, they would not be allowed to receive stipends, or funds for other training costs, through the program.

Summer School Supplement in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) – Open July 22

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The Summer School Supplement will open in the CDC on July 22. This collection is due on August 15. At the end of each regular school term the Nebraska Department of Education collects the attendance data for each school district and system in Nebraska. State total ADA is reported to the U.S. Department of Education and is used in formulas for allocating federal entitlement for Title 1, Impact Aid, Indian Education and other federal programs.

The federal government requires that the total aggregate days of attendance for summer school be added to the total aggregate days of attendance for the regular school term to provide the numerator for the calculation of state Average Daily Attendance (ADA). The denominator for this calculation is the average number of days in session during the regular school year. In this collection, Districts will report the total Prorated Days of Attendance for their Summer School Program. Only Public Districts are required to complete this form.

2014-15 LEP and Poverty Plans – Open July 31

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The 2014-15 Poverty and the 2014-15 Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plans will open in the Grants Management System (GMS) on July 31, 2013. All plans for the 2014-15 school year must be submitted no later than October 15, 2013.

If your district is not in Douglas or Sarpy County submit the plans through the [LEP and Poverty Plans](#). If your district is in Douglas or Sarpy County submit the plans through the [LC LEP and Poverty Plans](#). Additional information is available at the following link: <http://www.education.ne.gov/povertyandlep/>

State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2013

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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 the graduation component. Graduation rates and ranking will not be added until November in order to include students who graduate over the summer.

Date	Activity
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 *	Last day AYP appeals will be accepted
Sept. 18, 2013 *	AYP results final on SOSR Preview PLAS notification to districts will take place on or before this date.
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

* Updated information 6/25/13

NeSA-RMS Key Dates

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Assessment data are being prepared for release to school districts and to the public. Schedule below. Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

NeSA READING and MATH

NeSA-R, M, S reports available to districts on eDIRECT July 10

NeSA Reading, Math, and Science School and District Results released to public. Subgroup information remains embargoed until the release of the State of the Schools Report August 13

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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. If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

All requests are answered in the order they are received.

- 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.
- Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
- Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.