



**High Ability Learners (HAL) – NDE Portal Collection - Open August 1 - Due September 3**

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High Ability Learners (HAL) 13-14 Applications for Base Only and Base and Matching Funds AND 12-13 Budget and Year-End Reports; due no later than 11:59 PM, September 3, 2013. HAL is an online submission under the Data Collection tab in the NDE Portal. The collection will close at that time and only those reports entered will be considered for HAL grants.



**Assessment Data for State of the Schools Report**

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The DRC reports for Reading, Math, Science were available in eDIRECT July 10. Please audit your student data for zero scores. If applicable, submit a “not tested code” to replace the zero. Send corrections to John Moon, [john.moon@nebraska.com](mailto:john.moon@nebraska.com). Districts can review corrections in the NSSRS Validations / Accountability Count Verification through the Portal for review two days after the correction is submitted. The final date for assessment correction submission is July 24. All corrections submitted by July 24 will be included in the August SOSR preview.

Special Note—as this is a change from last year: When the SOSR preview opens on August 13, no assessment data can be changed. All requests for changes to assessment data need to be made by July 24, and corrected data can be previewed in the NSSRS Validation site in the Portal.

The Request for Zero Score Removal form for zero scores that resulted from extenuating circumstances is available at <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/pdfs/RMS.ZEROSCORE2013.FORM.pdf>. Requests are due July 19. The assessment department will confirm by email receipt of any received. (Truancy is not considered an extenuating circumstance.)



**New Superintendents – 2013-14 School Year**

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

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. The new District Administrator 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.



**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 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 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

### **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. 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.**

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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