

**NDE Bulletin**  
**June 6, 2013**



**Due Dates and Data Changes**

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

**DUE DATE – JUNE 14:** A date when data must be submitted.

CDC – Collections need to be Submitted

NSSRS – All required templates must be submitted during the collection window

**AUDIT WINDOW CLOSE DATE – JUNE 30:** The Audit Window allows District and NDE staff to review the submitted data and make necessary adjustments. Districts must ensure final approval occurs during the Audit Window.

CDC – Collections must be approved locally on or before the Audit Window Close Date

NSSRS – Collections must be approved locally on or before the Audit Window Close Date.

After the Audit Window Closes the data becomes available for official reports and calculations.

**Need to make changes BEFORE the Audit Window Close Date and you have already approved?**

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

**Need to make changes AFTER the Audit Window Close Date?**

Requests to change data, after the Audit Window Close Date, require submission of **“Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes”** available within the Consolidated Data Collection.

PLEASE REFER TO THE NSSRS CALENDAR AND THE CDC CALENDAR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON COLLECTIONS DUE.



**2013-2014 Early Childhood State Grant Available June 10**

Contact: Linda Meyer (402-471-2980 or [linda.meyer@nebraska.gov](mailto:linda.meyer@nebraska.gov))

The 2013-2014 Early Childhood State Grant application will be available in the GMS on Monday, June 10, 2013 and will be due August 5, 2013. This grant is only available to specified districts/ESUs for continuation of current grants.



**NCLB Allocations for 2013-14**

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

NDE is awaiting final allocation amounts from USDE (United States Department of Education) for the 2013-14 school year for the programs that are included in the NCLB Consolidated application. These include Title I-A, Title II-A, Title III-IE, and Title III-LEP.

To assist the district’s budgeting process for 2013-14, we are suggesting that for Title I-A districts can expect an allocation equal to approximately 85% of the 2012-13 current year funds. Preliminary state allocations have the sequester cutting Nebraska’s projected Title I-A allocation by approximately 7%. This does not mean each district’s funds will be cut 7% from the previous school year. Some cuts may be more and some may be

less. Final district allocations are determined based on which pots of money the district is eligible for (Basic, Concentration, Targeted, and Education Finance Incentive Grant). See link to “Eligibility Formula for Title I-A” on the NDE Title I webpage, beneath the header “ESEA/NCLB Title I Allocations and Reallocations,” <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20I%20Part%20A.html>.

Nebraska’s Title II-A preliminary allocations show a cut of approximately 5.5%. Again, this does not mean that each district’s allocation will be cut by 5.5% as there are other factors that go into the calculation of the district allocations. For budgeting purposes, we recommend about 90-95% of the 2012-13 allocations.

Title III preliminary allocations actually show Nebraska as receiving a slight increase. Eligible districts have been contacted by Nancy Rowch. These funds can fluctuate by district depending on the number of eligible students.

NDE hopes to have final allocations posted on the Federal Programs website sometime in July. This is dependent on when final allocation amounts are received from USDE. Updates will be posted in the NDE bulletin.



### **GMS IDEA Consolidated Service Provider Downtime**

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

The Special Education Service Provider database will be down for annual maintenance from June 28 through July 3, reopening July 5. During this time, Grants Management System reimbursement requests submitted for the IDEA Consolidated grant should not include expenditures for Service Providers (Object Code 300) that would need to be recorded on the Service Provider tab of the request.



### **Update to the CNP/School Lunch Website**

Contact: Eva Shepherd (402-471-3655 or [eva.shepherd@nebraska.gov](mailto:eva.shepherd@nebraska.gov))

The CNP/School Lunch Program website was updated to improve security. If you are using the <http://cnp.education.ne.gov>, you will be automatically redirected to <https://cnp.education.ne.gov>. The content of the CNP/School Lunch website remains unchanged. Please update your bookmark in your web browser with the new URL: <https://cnp.education.ne.gov>.



### **Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) collections currently open**

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

#### **Excessive Absenteeism**

**Collection for May/June is currently open. Due Date 6/10/2013**

*Collection completed by Public and Nonpublic*

For more information, contact NDE Helpdesk – [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov), (888-285-0556)

#### **Substitute Teachers**

For the reporting of substitute teachers. **Due Date 6/14/2013**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU, and Interim Programs.*

For more information, contact NDE Helpdesk – [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov), (888-285-0556)

#### **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

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

For more 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 Programs*

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 6/14/2013**

*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



**NCLB Non Qualified Report in NSSRS Validation for 2012-2013**

Contact: Pat Madsen (402-471-4863 or [pat.madsen@nebraska.gov](mailto:pat.madsen@nebraska.gov))

The NCLB Non-Qualified Report will be available to your district/system via the Portal after your student grades template data is uploaded. The student grades data, plus teacher certification, the EECIA assessment, and/or HOU SSE approval are used to determine if a teacher teaching a course is NCLB Qualified in the required areas: English, Reading and Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Languages, Civics and Government, Economics, Art, Music, History, and Geography, Elementary, and Special Education PAC 1161 and 1162. The report will be updated nightly.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act set forth the goal that general education and special education public school teachers would be 100% NCLB Qualified in core academic areas. New-to-the-profession elementary and special education teachers at the elementary level of instruction (or new-to-the-profession teachers at the elementary level of instruction) must pass the EECIA (Elementary Education: Curriculum and Instruction Assessment) in order to be considered NCLB Qualified in Nebraska.

The HOU SSE form, instructions, and contact information can be found at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20II.html#NCLBTEacherForms>

HOU SSE applications received by June 14, 2013 will be reflected in the 2012-13 SOSR school data. Any requests for changes after June 30, 2013 will have to submit the Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes in the CDC (Consolidated Data Collection) process.



**Dashboard Pilot District Application due June 15, 2013**

Contact: Marilyn Peterson (402-471-4483 or [Marilyn.peterson@nebraska.gov](mailto:Marilyn.peterson@nebraska.gov))

The Nebraska Department of Education is inviting districts to apply to pilot the new dashboard being developed through the 2012 Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Research and Data Analysis Grant. Nebraska has entered into a license agreement with the Ed-Fi Alliance which is providing a suite of tools and sample dashboards. Districts are needed to adapt the Ed-Fi system to meet Nebraska's needs and will use their own data to assist in assembling the system. Information on Ed-Fi can be found at [www.Ed-Fi.org](http://www.Ed-Fi.org). The application is attached. Interested districts need to apply by June 15, 2013.



**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.

Date	Activity
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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



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

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

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>

<b>NeSA-Reading, Math, Science</b>	
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 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**

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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