

NDE Bulletin
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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) and find other information.



Title III LEP and Immigrant Counts (Due April 1 at 5:00 p.m.)

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In April, we will be pulling data from NSSRS to ensure that we have the most current numbers of limited English proficient (LEP) and immigrant students. This data will serve as the basis for district allocations for the 2013-2014 school year for both the Title III LEP and Title III immigrant programs. The following NSSRS fields are used in determining the Title III allocations: Field 95, LEP eligibility and Field 89, Immigrant indicator. **Please check your data to ensure that it is updated.**



Nonpublic Consultation for NCLB Programs

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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, 21st 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 1st will be jeopardizing 2013-14 federal funding.**



Consortia for NCLB Programs

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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 14th 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)

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.

The Substitute Teacher data collection **will close on June 14, 2013. Deadlines are Deadlines!** Once this window closes, you will only be able to make corrections to the submitted data until the Audit Window closes on June 30, 2013.

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



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

If the staff is reported as P-1160 (regular early childhood Teacher) **and if they have a Programs Fact Template– Early Childhood EC-XXXXX**

***180005 – Home-Based Program (Non-Sped)**

If the staff is reported as P-1160 (regular early childhood Teacher)

***194000 – Special Education In-Home Setting**

If the staff is reported as 7-1160 (sped early childhood teacher)

*The Special Education 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

For students receiving services only (i.e., OT, PT, and Speech Therapy), no student grade record is required.



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>

Districts Train School Personnel and Distribute Materials	One week prior to test window
Distribute Materials to Test Administrators	Same Day as Testing
NeSA-Reading, Mathematics, and Science Testing Window	March 25 – May 3
Last Day for UPS to Pick Up Test Materials From Districts	May 8
NeSA WebEx on Reporting	July 1 - 3

Personnel Change – Data, Research & Evaluation team

Dr. Dean Folkers is now the Senior Administrator of the Data, Research & Evaluation team. He can be reached at dean.folkers@nebraska.gov or 402-471-4740.

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.

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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