

**2014 NEBRASKA DATA CONFERENCE**

**April 14 – April 15, 2014**

**Younes Conference Center - Kearney, Nebraska**

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The 2014 Nebraska Data Conference, ***“Connecting More Dots...”***, is scheduled for April 14-15, 2014 in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center.

Registration and emerging details are available at  
[http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf\\_Conference.aspx?CID=7](http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf_Conference.aspx?CID=7).

The sessions will include 2014-15 technical updates, data use strategies and tools, best practice approaches and a partnership with Learning Forward. Targeted audiences include data stewards, school administrators, professional developers, teachers, curriculum directors and others involved with collecting, reporting, and using data in Nebraska schools and ESU’s.



**“Guidance for Reporting Dropouts” has been updated – February 6**

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

A new “Guidance for Reporting Dropouts” document is now available on the NSSRS Resources web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>). This document includes updates to the “Which students are reported as dropouts?” as well as other clarifications. In particular, in accordance with Federal guidelines, students who “left school without a diploma or other certification after passing the age to which the district was required to provide a free, public education” will now be included as Dropouts when calculating the number and percentage of dropouts for the district. Please review this new document closely, as the changes in this document are in affect for the 2013-2014 school year.



**Student Summary Attendance and Student Grades Guidance**

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

As there have been many questions on the reporting of the Student Summary Attendance and Student Grades for PK/HP and/or Sped, below are a few items which are included in our instructions and guidance documents. We hope this will be helpful.

There are four “Collection Periods” for Student Summary Attendance data.

Collection Period	Start	End	Due Date	Audit Window
1	First day of school but no earlier than 07-01-2013	10-15-2013	11-15-2013	November 16 – November 30, 2013
2	10-16-2013	12-31-2013	01-31-2014	February 1 – February 14, 2014
3	01-01-2014	03-15-2014	04-01-2014	April 2 – April 15, 2014
4	03-16-2014	Last day of	06-16-30	June 17 –

		school but no later than 06-30-2014		June 30, 2014
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Prekindergarten Special Education Students:

A Student Summary Attendance record is NOT REQUIRED for students who meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Grade Level of HP or PK
- Do not have a Programs Fact Record
- Have a Special Education Snapshot
- Are only receiving special education services at home

A Student Grades template is NOT REQUIRED if they meet the 4 criteria above.

Nonpublic students that are receiving services such as Title I and/or Special Education from a public district:

Student Summary Attendance IS REQUIRED for the portion of time that student receives services.

Students Grades IS REQUIRED if students are receiving services from a Teacher/Sped Teacher.

Use the Title I courses 25XXXX or Sped courses 19XXXX.

Student Grades is NOT REQUIRED if the student is receiving ONLY SPED services (i.e. PT, OT, Speech, etc.) and are not taking courses.



**New Student Verification Reports**

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There are two new Student Verification Reports available on the NSSRS Validation website.

Under “Career Education – Programs of Study Courses” report lists which programs your schools are offering based on the Student Grades template data, as well as the course codes and number of student within those programs.

Under “Student Grades – Course History” report shows which course codes your schools have currently reported in the Student Grades template and whether they were reported in the three previous school years.



**2013-2014 Year End – Student Summary Attendance – Collection Period 2**

**Audit Window February 1-February 14**

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*Public districts and Special Purpose systems only*

STUDENT SUMMARY ATTENDANCE (Collection period 2: 2013-10-16 to 2013-12-31)

Data used for Excessive Absenteeism Quarterly Count and Extract for State Aid Calculation.



**2013-2014 Nonpublic Curriculum Reporting Report – Due February 28**

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*All Nonpublic Systems must report*

The Nonpublic Curriculum Reporting System is a separate application from NSSRS, but they are interconnected. The Nonpublic Curriculum Reporting System will collect data on courses teachers teach for use in determining compliance with Rule 10/14. The Nonpublic Curriculum Reporting System is located under the Data Collections tab in the portal. **Audit window March 1 – March 14.**

## **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 the following options.**

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

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.

**OR**

2. Email: [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

**OR**

- a. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

**Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.**

ALSO: If you have contacted your area's NDE Trainer, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

**THANK YOU!**

## **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.

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