

NDE Bulletin
July 10, 2014

2014-2015 NSSRS Data Manager Rules and NSSRS Validation Errors

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

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, additional rules will be added to the NSSRS Data Manager file upload process to help ensure quality data. For the most part, these rules replace validation errors that were previously located in the NSSRS Validation website. A list of the new Data Manager rules, along with a list of NSSRS Validation errors being retired, can be found on the NSSRS Resources website at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>.

New Superintendents – 2014-2015 School Year

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If your district/system has a new Superintendent for the 2014-2015 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. We will provide them with the district admin activation code specific to their 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.

Search For Candidates To Fill A Vacancy On The State Committee For The Reorganization Of School Districts – Due July 11

Contact: Bryce Wilson (402-471-4320 or bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov)

After many years of dedicated service and leadership, Mr. Gil Kettelhut, of Omaha, Nebraska, has resigned his term for the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts effective June 30, 2014.

The Commissioner of Education has asked the staff of the Office of School Finance and Organization Services to begin the process of seeking recommendations from the Nebraska education community for persons with interest and appropriate qualifications for this post. Candidates will be recommended to the State Board of Education at its August meeting.

State Statutes 79-435, R.R.S., requires that the qualification for this position be an educator, holding a current administrative or teaching certificate. Members of the Committee serve without compensation, but are reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The Committee meets in Lincoln approximately 2-4 times per year, or as required by reorganization activity.

Please forward names of potential candidates and a brief outline of their qualifications to this office immediately. Potential candidates should complete the application form found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/fos/OrgServices/Reorganization/VacancyInfo.html> and **submit the completed form to Bryce Wilson by Friday, July 11, 2014.**

Everything You Wanted to Know About Federal Programs—But Were Afraid to Ask
Conference Registration deadline is Wednesday, July 23

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

The NDE Federal Programs Team is holding a conference, “Everything You Wanted to Know About Federal Programs...But Were Afraid to Ask,” on **Tuesday, July 29** at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Kearney. There is no cost to attend this conference.

This is the day before “Administrators’ Days.” Conference registration will be from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a break for lunch on your own. The day will include sessions that will NOT be part of “Administrators’ Days” presentations.

Part of the day will include a general session and the remainder will include break-out sessions. When the schedule has been finalized, it will be posted on the NDE Federal Programs webpage (<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html>). We are not planning to have paper handouts, but will have power points and other information posted prior to the conference.

Information on the following will be included throughout the day:

- *Title I-A (Educationally Disadvantaged)
- *Title II-A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting)
- *Title III (Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Education)
- *REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program)
- *Homeless Education (including McKinney-Vento Act)
- *21st Century Community Learning Centers Program
- *Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
- *Title I Accountability (AYP, Needs Improvement, Persistently Low-Achieving Schools)
- *Equitable Service for Non-public Schools/Students
- *Time and Effort Reporting
- *Steps to completing an application in the Grants Management System (GMS)
- *Allowable Expenditures
- *Submitting Reimbursement Requests & Needed Documentation
- *Parent Engagement
- *Preparing for NCLB Consolidated Program Monitoring
- *Other More General Information

Click this link to register for the conference: <http://goo.gl/HqvFS3>

Registration deadline is Wednesday, July 23, 2014

2014-2015 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive Grant

Contact: Cathy Mohnike (cathy.mohnike@nebraska.gov or 402-471-1419)

The 2014-2015 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive grant application became available in the GMS on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 and will be due by midnight on Friday, **July 25, 2014**.

State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2014

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The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2014 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 2014 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal.

Date	Activity	Public/District
Aug. 25, 2014	2013-2014 SOSR District Preview opens with the following data: Data from End-of-Year NSSRS Reports Preliminary AYP results for the 30 day review NeSA Reading, Math and Science results (disaggregated) NePAS without graduation data or ranking	District only
Sept., 24, 2014	Last day AYP Appeals will be accepted	District Only
Oct. 8, 2014	PLAS review begins on 2013-2014 SOSR District Preview	District Only
Oct. 22, 2014	SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card released to the public	Public
Oct. 29, 2014	PLAS list added to the Public SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card	Public
Nov. 14, 2014	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, drop-out data added to the 2013-2014 SOSR District Preview	District Only
Nov. 21, 2014	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, drop-out data added to the Public SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card	Public

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

NeSA WebEX on Reporting	July 14-16*
Provide District Access to NeSA RMS reports and Data File on eDirect	July 16*
Deliver printed NeSA and NeSA-AA ISRs	August 4*

***Dates in table were updated April 3, 2014**

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website: <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

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

OR

3. 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 or Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

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.

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