



**2014-15 NCLB Consolidated Application Open: October 7**

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The 2014-15 NCLB Consolidated Grant Application will tentatively be available in the GMS (Grants Management System) on **Tuesday, October 7, 2014**. Please check the portal web page (<https://portal.education.ne.gov/site/DesktopDefault.aspx>) for up-to-date information regarding this application.



**Sped IDEA Consolidated Application (GMS) – Open: October 7**

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-2471 or [pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov))

The 2014-15 Sped IDEA Consolidated application is scheduled to open in the GMS **Tuesday, October 7**, with a due date of December 15 (11:59 p.m.). Check the NDE Portal for any updates.



**2012-13 GMS Final Reimbursement Requests Due: November 15**

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

Final reimbursement requests for federally funded grants paid through GMS are due to NDE Financial Services, in approvable format, by November 15, 2013.

Applicable grants include:

- McKinney Homeless Grant
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
  - Title IA
  - Title ID
  - Title IIA
  - Title IID
  - Title III-IE
  - Title III-LEP
- Title I Accountability Funds
- Title IC - Migrant

When submitting reimbursement requests, keep the following in mind:

- Supporting documentation needs to be supplied for journal entries and credit card procurement charges.
- When making payments to individuals, be specific as to what the payment is for
- For parent activities, be specific as to what was purchased and who participated in the activity
- Whenever computers are purchased with Title I Funds, they must be listed on the consolidated application on the Capital Outlay/Equipment – Operational Equipment page. Computer purchases cannot be approved if they are not listed. This includes electronic items such as ipads, ipods, Kindles, or anything considered small and attractive.
- Service Provider tab must be completed for all non-school district service providers for IDEA grants and supporting invoices submitted.

- Please ensure that the request is marked as a Final by checking the appropriate box and (Re)Calculate Closeout before submitting.
- Supporting documentation for Title II Part A must provide sufficient information to identify the “content” of the professional development activity. Professional development activity is to improve student achievement in the core academic areas. Funds should only be used for staff working in these areas. Refer to the ESEA Title II, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance for appropriate use of funds.
- A reminder, NCLB funds can never be paid to a non-public school.

**REMINDER!**

**October Special Education Snapshot – Due: October 15**

Contact: Pam Kasl (402-471-4341 or [pam.kasl@nebraska.gov](mailto:pam.kasl@nebraska.gov))

Include only students with verified disabilities on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) **as of October 1, 2014** and any student who exited special education between July 1, 2014 and October 1, 2014. The value of Snapshot Date [Special Education Snapshot: Snapshot Date (35)] is to be “2014-10-01”. The October Special Education Snapshot is accepted during the NSSRS Fall Collection and Fall Audit windows.

This will be the source for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Annual Child Count.

**REMINDER!**

**IDEA Requests for Reimbursement – Due: October 15**

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

Final Reimbursement Requests for the 2013-14 IDEA Federal funds must be submitted to NDE in GMS by October 15.

**REMINDER!**

**2015/16 Limited English Proficiency and Poverty Plans – Due: October 15**

The 2015/16 Poverty and the 2015/16 Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plans opened in the Grants Management System (GMS) on July 28. All plans for the 2015/16 school year must be submitted no later than October 15.

To access the plans sign in on the NDE portal, access the GMS tab, and open the LEP and Poverty Plans application. If your district is not in Douglas or Sarpy County submit the plans through the LEP and Poverty Plans link. If your district is in Douglas or Sarpy County submit the plans through the LC LEP and Poverty Plans link. Additional information is available through the Poverty & LEP Plans assistance page under Departments and Programs section on NDE’s Web Page.

You may also contact Mary Ann Losh at 402-471-4357 or e-mail [maryann.losh@nebraska.gov](mailto:maryann.losh@nebraska.gov), Bryce Wilson at 402-471-3323 or e-mail [bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov](mailto:bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov), or Richard Schoonover at 402-699-6912 or e-mail [schoonoverconsulting672@cox.net](mailto:schoonoverconsulting672@cox.net) for assistance.

**REMINDER!**

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B MOE – Due: November 15**

Contact: Pete Biaggio at (492-471-2471 or [pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov))

The worksheet to establish IDEA Part B MOE eligibility is now open to school districts through the NDE Portal (under the Data Collections tab). Submissions are due by November 15. School district 2014-15 IDEA Consolidated Application approval is contingent upon establishing MOE eligibility.



**The following collections are currently open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC)**

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

Please refer to the CDC Calendar which is located on the NSSRS Resources page at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Instructions> and also review the instructions available in each of the CDC collections for further details about each collection.

**Assessed Valuation and Levies**

Assessed valuation and levies. Distance between high school attendance centers. **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Jen Utemark – [jen.utemark@nebraska.gov](mailto:jen.utemark@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3323

**Elementary Site Allowance**

Districts that are applying for the Elementary Site Allowance. This form to be completed by a school district with multiple elementary attendance sites. A qualifying elementary site shall be an elementary attendance site, in a district with multiple elementary attendance sites, which (a) does not have another elementary attendance site within 7 miles in the same school district, or (b) is the only public elementary attendance site located in an incorporated city or village. **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Jen Utemark – [jen.utemark@nebraska.gov](mailto:jen.utemark@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3323

**Non-Certificated Staff**

Report of Non-Certificated Staff. **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Public, State Operated and ESU's*

For more information, contact Pam Tagart – [pam.tagart@nebraska.gov](mailto:pam.tagart@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4735

**Nonpublic Dropout Report**

Collects Nonpublic dropout data. **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Nonpublic*

For more information, contact Pam Tagart – [pam.tagart@nebraska.gov](mailto:pam.tagart@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4735

**Nonpublic Membership Report**

Collects membership data from Nonpublic Systems. **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Nonpublic*

For more information, contact Jill Aurand – [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3321

**PK-K Instructional Program Hours**

Instructional program hours including kindergarten program type. **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Tammi Hicken – [tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov](mailto:tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3184

**School Age Final Financial Report (FFR)**

School District's/ESU's claim reimbursement for SPED School age expenditures. **Due Date 10/31/2014**

*Collection completed by Public and ESU's*

For more information, contact Lori Adams – [lori.adams@nebraska.gov](mailto:lori.adams@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2637

Additional Special Education Final Financial information: <http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/SPED/>

### **Student Growth Adjustment**

Districts applying for the student growth adjustment. Districts must estimate their 2015/16 average daily membership and provide evidence supporting the estimate. Estimated student growth is the difference between the 2014/15 fall membership and 2015/16 estimated average daily membership. **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Jen Utemark – [jen.utemark@nebraska.gov](mailto:jen.utemark@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3323

### **Substitute Teachers**

Report all substitute teachers. **Open all year - Due Date 6/16/2015**

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

For more information, contact Kevin Peters – [kevin.peters@nebraska.gov](mailto:kevin.peters@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-0739

### **Summer School Student Unit**

Number of students by grade who attend summer school: 1) attending remedial Math or Reading, 2) students eligible for free lunch or free milk. **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Jen Utemark – [jen.utemark@nebraska.gov](mailto:jen.utemark@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3323

### **Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey**

NDE Principal Performance Survey and NDE Teacher Performance Survey (State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Assurances). **Due Date 10/15/2014**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – [diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-1740



### **2014-2015 Teacher Vacancy Survey – Opened 10/1/14**

The annual Teacher Vacancy Survey collects statewide teacher vacancy information which is used to determine teacher shortage areas. This information is used to qualify content areas eligible for a number of state and federal teacher loan forgiveness opportunities and to inform research regarding teacher supply. The 2014-15 Survey is being expanded this year to collect information from Educational Service Units and Nonpublic Systems. **Due Date: 11/10/14**

*Public Districts, Nonpublic School Systems, Educational Service Units*

For more information, contact: Karen Buller (402-471-4837 or [Karen.buller@nebraska.gov](mailto:Karen.buller@nebraska.gov))

### **Technology Plan (Nonpublic optional)**

District Technology, Education, Assessment and Management Plan. **Due Date 11/30/2014**

*Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated and ESU's*

For more information, contact SuAnn Witt – [suann.witt@nebraska.gov](mailto:suann.witt@nebraska.gov) 402) 471-2085

### **Title I Annual Caseload Count of Children In Local Institutions For Neglected or Delinquent**

The purpose of this annual caseload count is to provide the State Educational Agency with current information on the location and number of children living in institutions for neglected or delinquent children, or in local correctional institutions. The information collected will be used in the Title I formula for computing allocations for local educational agencies. **Due Date 12/5/2014**

*Collection completed by Public*

For more information, contact Pat Frost – [pat.frost@nebraska.gov](mailto:pat.frost@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2478

### **Title III Professional Development**

Districts or ESU consortia that receive funds under Title III Limited English Proficient grants should complete this information. It is designed to collect information on the types of professional development provided under Title III for the previous school year. Title III subgrantees only. **Due Date 10/1/2014**

*Collection completed by Public and ESU's*

For more information, contact Terri Schuster – [terri.schuster@nebraska.gov](mailto:terri.schuster@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4694

### **Two-Year New School Adjustment Application**

Districts applying for a Two-Year New School Adjustment. School districts applying for the two-year new school adjustment will need to provide estimated additional student capacity and provide supporting evidence.

**Due Date 10/15/2014**

**Collection completed by Public**

For more information, contact Jen Utemark – [jen.utemark@nebraska.gov](mailto:jen.utemark@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-3323



### **NeSA-RMSW 2014-2015 Key Dates**

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

Key dates for NeSA-RMSW are presented in the following table.

Provide Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-W Field Test and NeSA-W Practice Test	October 15, 2014
Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-W Operational Test	December 1, 2014
Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-RMS Operational Test	January 30, 2015

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>



### **State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2014**

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 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Public/District</b>
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 and Grade 4 Writing 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. 24, 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

### **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**

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**

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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