



NDE Student Unique Identifier – It’s That Time Again to Update

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

All students in Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 12 (Public, NonPublic and State Operated Systems) and Postsecondary students (Nebraska Community Colleges, State Colleges and University of Nebraska students) need to be updated each year with current school information. Step-by-Step instructions can be found on our website at the following web address: http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/NSSRS_Steps_Uniqid_v7.pdf.

Prior to submitting the Student template for the first time for 2015-2016 school year, **ALL new and returning students** should have their Unique Identifier (State ID’s) assigned/updated. On all returning students, any information that has changed (grade level, school building and school year) needs to be updated in the Student Unique Identifier Collection.



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2015-2016 Staff Reporting – Open: August 4 – Due: September 15

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

The 2015-2016 Staff Reporting collection will open Tuesday, August 4th. State statute requires Public Districts and NonPublic Systems to submit a Fall Personnel Report by September 15. The NSSRS Staff Reporting data collection is located under the “Student & Staff (NSSRS)” tab in the portal. Special Purpose Schools (State Operated), Education Service Units and Interim Programs (Rule 18) should report during this timeframe as well. Options for submission are online entry and upload. Staff Reporting Instructions are available http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/STAFF_INSTRUCTION_MANUAL_20152016.pdf. Appendix A in the Staff Reporting Instructions details the changes that were made since 2014-2015.

When completing the Staff Reporting 2015-2016, double check to make sure the email addresses are correct for each staff member that is required to have one. If a correction is made to the email address that NDE had in Staff Reporting, have the staff member log into their portal account under the “My Profile” tab and verify if their email address is correct, or have them update it. NDE uses the email addresses from Staff Reporting and the Portal for communications so keeping them current is very important.



NeSA-RMS Results

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

The final NeSA-W and NeSA-RMS reports along with the corrected data files will be provided through eDIRECT on **August 19, 2015** and can be verified through the NDE portal using the NSSRS Validation link and Accountability Count Verification tab.

 REMINDER!

UPDATED INFORMATION - 2015-2016 Perkins Basic and Post Secondary Grant **Open: June 8 – Due: July 31**

Contact: Rich Katt (402-471-4808 or rich.katt@nebraska.gov)

The 2015-2016 Perkins Basic and Post Secondary Grant application became available in the GMS June 8.

NOTE: Local education agencies on the secondary level apply:

- If the LEA allocation is greater than \$15,000
- If the allocation is less than \$15,000, the LEA can enter into a consortium managed by an educational service unit or community college

 REMINDER!

Identifying CTE Concentrators and CTE Programs of Study

Contact: Rich Katt (402-471-4808 or rich.katt@nebraska.gov)

NDE had set a goal for collecting sufficient student-level information from the school districts to eventually allow for calculation of nearly all Perkins accountability items “in-house”. Doing so would have allowed for a decrease in the reporting burden by eliminating the Career Education Program Facts as well as an increase in the reliability of Perkins accountability data. The goal of NDE was to identify all CTE participation information by extracting student course-taking data using the course codes provided annually by school districts.

Originally, NDE set a goal that upon completion of the 2016-2017 academic year, CTE concentrators would be identified using the State Model POS course sequences developed by NCE.

See: <http://cestandards.education.ne.gov/>. For accurate coding of courses, see:

http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/COURSE_CODES_CLEARING_ENDORSEMENTS_20142015_5_0_0.pdf

HOWEVER,

Due to the complications with districts not using appropriate course codes provided by NDE, the 2016-17 goal will not be achievable. We have too many courses miss-coded in the system to provide a reliable source of information for pulling our federal data. We are working with schools to correct the coding issues, but do not yet have the confidence in the accuracy of course coding to use it as our data source.

- A new timeline has not yet been determined.
- Districts will continue to report the “Programs Fact-Career Education” template.
- Information will not be pulled from the “Student Grades template” as planned after the 2016-17 school year.

 REMINDER!

High Ability Learners (HAL) – NDE Portal Collection – **Open: July 31 – Due: August 31**

Contact: Mary Duffy (402-471-0737 or mary.duffy@nebraska.gov)

High Ability Learners (HAL) 15-16 Applications for Base Only and Base and Matching Funds AND 14-15 Budget and Year-End Reports; due no later than 11:59 PM, August 31 with an audit window close date of September 15, 2015. HAL is an online submission under the Data Collection tab in the NDE Portal. The collection will close at

that time and only those reports entered will be considered for HAL grants. **Audit Window Close Date September 15**



REMINDER!

2015-2016 NSSRS Calendar Version 6.1

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The 2015-2016 NSSRS Calendar has been updated and a new version is now available on the NSSRS Resources web page at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>. The due date originally scheduled for February 1 has been moved to January 20.



REMINDER!

New Superintendents – 2015-2016 School Year

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

If your district/system has a new Superintendent for the 2015-2016 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 administrator 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.



REMINDER!

2015-2016 SPED Secondary Transition Innovative Competitive Grant

Open: May 28 – Due: July 31

Contact: Rita Hammitt (402-595-2092 or rita.hammitt@nebraska.gov)

The 2015-2016 SPED Secondary Transition Innovative Competitive Grant application became available in the GMS May 28.



REMINDER!

SPED Proportionate Share Worksheet for Non-Public Schools – 2015-16

Due: July 31

Contact : Rita Hammit (402-595-2092) or Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308) in the Office of Special Education

All school districts (including districts that do NOT have approved/accredited non-public schools or exempt home schools located within the district's jurisdiction) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to complete and submit the 2015-16 IDEA Proportionate Share application. This collection is found under the "Data Collection" Tab in the portal. This collection is based on the October 1, 2014 child count of eligible children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and represents the amount of IDEA funds that must be expended for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in an accredited/approved nonpublic school or an exempt home school within the school district boundaries.

For additional information refer to NDE Technical Assistance Document, "Special Education Services to Children with Disabilities (ages 3-21) Enrolled by Their Parents in Non-public Schools" located at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/technicalassist/ServicesNonpublicSchools.pdf>

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 the NDE 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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