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The first ever **AQuESTT for Nebraska... emPOWERED by Data** conference will be held April 27 - 28, 2015 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska.

The new system for Nebraska is developing and the Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) process provides the framework for Nebraska Education.

The conference purpose is to provide district and Educational Service Unit (ESU) teams with an understanding of the emerging accountability system—AQuESTT, including the six tenets and related areas of focus along with the systems of support for Nebraska schools. In addition, information about the AQuESTT performance classification of public schools and districts and the designation of priority schools related to LB 438 will be provided along with a number of sessions that include the latest efforts in data use, tools, and training around the systems of support for Nebraska education.

Several pre-conference sessions will target specific audiences. A sampling includes a data collection NSSRS/CDC “boot camp,” Learning Forward professional learning, Career Education, and others.

Registration is now open. More details about the conference will be provided as they become available at <http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov>

Who should attend?

School districts and ESUs are encouraged to send teams to the conference to learn about key features of AQuESTT and about critical systems of support. Suggestions for team members include administrators, curriculum directors, special education directors, assessment coordinators, data stewards, school improvement team members, teacher leaders, and others involved in supporting the systems of education for every student, every day.



Student Summary Attendance (Collection period 3: 2015-01-01 to 2015-03-15)

DUE DATE: April 2

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Public districts and Special Purpose systems only

Student Summary Attendance collection period 3 (2015-01-01 to 2015-03-15) is due April 2.
Audit Window Close date April 15.

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



GMS Upload Information

Contact: Shane Rhian (02-471-4313 or shane.rhian@nebraska.gov)

Please note that all documents uploaded to GMS applications and reimbursement requests must be in a valid file type which includes .doc, .docx, .pdf, .xls, or .xlsx. The file name should not include special characters such as \$, #, &, or '!'. Attempting to upload a file that does not comply with these restrictions will result in errors and loss of unsaved data.



Troubleshooting Errors in Perkins Programs of Study Data

Contact: Rich Katt (402-471-4808 or rich.katt@nebraska.gov) or Bonnie Sibert (402-471-4818 or bonnie.sibert@nebraska.gov)

Review a video at http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/Troubleshooting_Errors_Perkins_POS_Data.html that explains how to improve a district's NSSRS data by trouble shooting errors in Perkins Programs of Study data. Handouts referenced during this presentation including the video are also found at this website. Programs of study are reviewed using the 2014-15 Programs of Study Booklet and/or the Career Education Standards website.

Using the Programs of Study Reporting Instructions for NSSRS, tips for common errors made by school districts that impact their Perkins Programs of Study are reviewed. Three NSSRS verification reports that can be run at the district level to trouble shoot data are demonstrated: Student Verification – Career Education – Programs of Study; Student Verification – Student Grades – Teacher Courses; and Student Verification – Student Grades - Teacher No Courses.

Targeted Audience: CTE teachers, school counselors, administrators, data stewards.



Intent to Participate In Carl D. Perkins Activities FY2015-2016 –Due Date: March 20

Contact Teri Sloup (402-471-4809, or teri.sloup@nebraska.gov)

The purpose of this notification is to request action to complete the intent to participate process for Perkins funding during the 2015-2016 program year.

All public school districts, even if participating in a consortium, career academy, *or choosing not to participate*, must complete the data collection.

This action is accomplished through the official submission of the intent and eligibility to participate in Perkins through the NDE Portal under the "Data Collections" tab.

This specific data collection is entitled "Perkins IV Career and Technical Education."

OFFICIAL Submission can only be done by the District Administrator.

The online system asks district officials to:

- 1) Determine Intent to Participate in Perkins with consortium identification if applicable;
- 2) Validate the existence of all Essential Career Education Components within the School District; and
- 3) Identify the Career Student Organizations offered within the School District

The deadline for completing the online submission is March 20, 2015.



REMINDER!

Title III LEP and Immigrant Counts - [Due Date: April 1 at 5:00 p.m.](#)

Contact: Terri Schuster (402-471-4694 or terri.schuster@nebraska.gov)

On April 2, we will extract 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 2015-2016 school year for both the Title III LEP and Title III Immigrant Programs.

The following NSSRS fields from the Student Template are used in determining the Title III allocations: "LEP Eligibility" (Field 95) and "Immigrant Indicator" (Field 89).

Please check your data to ensure that it is updated.



REMINDER!

Nonpublic Consultation for 2015-16 [NEW PROCESS](#)

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

Collections open March 10 – Due Date to NDE: May 1

There will be a change to the process for completing consultations with nonpublic schools regarding equitable services for the 2015-16 school year. These two collections are now found in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) for the following programs:

- Title I-A: Services for At-Risk Students
- Title I-C: Migrant
- Title II-A: Teacher and Principal Training
- Title III: Limited English Proficient
- Title IV-B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Federal Programs Within Boundaries Nonpublic Consultation

Every public school district in Nebraska that has one or more nonpublic systems located within the public school district's geographic boundaries must complete this form. It is the responsibility of the public school district to submit this completed form to the Nebraska Department of Education. A form will need to be completed for each nonpublic system geographically located within the public school district attendance area to document that the nonpublic system was consulted regarding potential participation in a federal program.

Title I Nonpublic Consultation

Every District receiving Title I funds and having resident low-income school aged students attending a nonpublic school will need to complete this collection. The public district is not required to complete or submit a Title I Nonpublic Consultation form for Rule 12 or 13 exempt status schools. A form will need to be completed for each Nonpublic system that has reported having students eligible for free or reduced lunch as reported in the Nonpublic Membership Report.

Each of these collections will provide the public district forms to use when consulting with nonpublic schools regarding participation in the programs. Prepopulated forms are available for download by the public district to use when consulting with the nonpublic school(s). Upon completion of the consultation, the public district will enter the information from the forms into the appropriate collection in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection. Completed, signed forms will remain on file at the public district and may be requested by NDE at any time and/or reviewed during NCLB monitoring.

EMAILS WILL BE SENT TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO CONSULT WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS. A SEPARATE EMAIL WILL BE SENT FOR EACH COLLECTION.

REMINDER!

Title II-A and Consortia for 2015-16

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

ESUs will be receiving information very soon regarding consortia/multi-district agreements for 2015-16.

NEW for the 2015-16 school year: Districts wishing to assign Title II-A funds will only be able to assign 100% or 0% to the ESU. No longer will districts be allowed to assign a portion of their Title II-A funds to the ESU and keep a portion at the District. If a District keeps 100% of the Title II-A allocation, but wants the ESU to provide some professional development, the District can initiate a contract with the ESU to provide the requested services.

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

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or 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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