



NSSRS Student Instructions and NSSRS Data Manager Rules Updated

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The NSSRS Student Instructions and the NSSRS Data Manager documents have been updated on the NSSRS Resources web page at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>. A change was made to the Programs Fact: Early Childhood instructions that allows the Program Participation Info Code of EC0005 to be submitted when submitting a Programs Code of ECHEADST.



2015-2016 Early Childhood State Grant Available

Opened: May 20 – Due: ~~July 30~~ JUNE 30

Contact: Linda Meyers (402-471-2980 or linda.meyers@nebraska.gov)

The 2015-2016 Early Childhood State Grant application is available in the GMS beginning Wednesday, May 20 and will be due June 30. This grant is only available to specified districts/ESUs for continuation of current grants.



Year-End Special Education Snapshot Due: June 15

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

District should begin entering data for the Year-End Special Education Snapshot. The snapshot is due by June 15 and should include all students with verified disabilities on an IEP or IFSP at any time during the 2014-15 school year with information current as of June 30. The audit window for correction of errors is June 16 – June 30. This data will be the source for the IDEA Special Education Exiter Report. Records from the October Sped Snapshot do not carry over to the Year-End Sped Snapshot. The Year-End Sped Snapshot should include all students from the October Sped Snapshot as well as any students that were verified during the school year. A new validation error (#562) has been written to trigger an error for any student who was reported in the October Snapshot but not reported (as either active or exited) in the June collection



Apply2College – A free program open to any Nebraska high school

Contact: Donna Hoffman (402-471-4811 or donna.hoffman@nebraska.gov) or Matt Heusman (402-471-3697 or matt.heusman@nebraska.gov)

Completing a college application can be daunting – especially for low-income and first-generation students who may not have the support they need.

That's why EducationQuest, with help from a [statewide steering committee](#) with representation from Nebraska Department of Education and Educational Service Units, is sponsoring **Apply2College**, a statewide campaign that high schools conduct college application events during the school day to help seniors apply to at least one college.

All high schools are encouraged to host an **Apply2College** campaign next fall to help seniors complete at least one college application. The official campaign dates are **October 19 to 30, 2015**; although you may **host your event any time**. The registration deadline is **June 1**.

For more information and to register your school, please visit [EducationQuest's Apply2College Page](#). EducationQuest a Nebraska nonprofit organization and the state lead for this national program



REMINDER!

NDE Portal Updates

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

The NDE Portal website will now require you to change your password every 90 days. You can manage your password and other account information on the "My Profile" tab.



REMINDER!

Early Childhood Programs Fact Template – Head Start Programs Code

Due Date: June 30

Contact: Tammi Hicken (402-471-3184 or tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov)

When districts and ESU's enroll students who are also enrolled in Head Start, the district must indicate the Head Start Programs Code "ECHEADST" on the Early Childhood Programs Fact Template for those students.



REMINDER!

NeSA-RMS Results

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

The NeSA-RMS and NeSA-AA preliminary reports and results will be available to districts through eDIRECT on July 8, 2015. Districts will need to review their data and submit corrections to the NDE Assessment Office by July 29. Any corrections submitted during July including NeSA-W will be incorporated in the Final NeSA-W and NeSA-RMS reports along with the corrected data files provided through eDIRECT on August 19, 2015.



REMINDER!

NCLB Non Qualified Verification Report

Contact: Pat Madsen (402-471-4863 or pat.madsen@nebraska.gov)

The NCLB Non Qualified Report is available once you have uploaded the Student Grades template. The Report is located in NSSRS Validation/Verification Reports/Staff. This report is generated for NCLB-defined core academic areas using Student Grades data, teacher certification status, Elementary Education Curriculum and Instruction Assessment (EECIA), and HOUSSE approvals.

NCLB set forth the goal that teachers in core academic areas be 100% NCLB qualified. New-to-the-profession elementary and elementary special education teachers who are Nebraska graduates must pass the Praxis II EECIA in order to be NCLB Qualified. (A passing score on Praxis II test # 5017, 0011, or 5011 will be accepted.) Teachers prepared out of state may submit a form for Nebraska NCLB Qualified Teacher Status consideration: (<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20II/QualifiedTeachers/QualifiedTeachrsOutState2007.pdf>).

Teachers appearing as NCLB Not Qualified may need to complete a HOUSSE application. The HOUSSE form and instructions can be found at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20II.html>.

HOUSSE applications received by June 22, 2015 will be reflected in the 2014-15 SOSR. After that date, the "Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes" will need to be submitted.

REMINDER!

SPED Discipline Information System Opened: May 1 – Due Date: June 16

Contact: John Marcucci (402-595-1639 or john.marcucci@nebraska.gov)

Report of Children with Disabilities Unilaterally Removed to an Interim Alternative Setting, or Suspended or Expelled (Special Education Discipline Report) opened on **May 1**. The report is due **by June 16** and must be submitted by all **public and state operated schools**. It is collected on the NDE portal under the data collection tab. New directions as well as a new template for using the upload option have been posted on the site.

REMINDER!

Comment on Draft of Revised Mathematics Standards Requested

Contact: Deb Romanek (402-471-2503 or deb.romanek@nebraska.gov)

The State Board of Education is seeking public comment on the draft of the revised state mathematics standards. The comments from school personnel will be especially helpful and considered as the State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education staff work to finalize documents.

For the past several months a team of Nebraska educators has been working to ensure the mathematics standards prepare all students for college and career readiness. It is important to hear from a broader spectrum of Nebraska educators as the final changes are made.

Please take a few minutes to share the draft of the proposed revisions with your staff and encourage them to complete the survey available now through May 29. <http://www.education.ne.gov/math/index.html>

REMINDER!

The following collections in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC)

Opened: May 1 - Due Date: June 15

Annual Participation Report

Title I Part A School-wide Projects and/or Targeted Assistance Schools; Title I Part A Funded Staff; Neglected/Delinquent; Homeless – Unaccompanied.

Collection completed by Public – ESU's only report ESU staff on part 2 of this report. Due June 15

For more information, contact Diane Stuehmer – diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1740 or Beth Zillig – beth.zillig@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2452

Days In Session/Instructional Program Hours

Days in session by grade.

Instructional program Hours –KG, Elem & Sec. Also included in this collection are Pre-K instructional hours for public district/system operated early childhood education programs by attendance site.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated– Due June 15

For more information on Days In Session, contact Jen Utemark jen.utemark@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3323
For information on Pre-Kindergarten, Tammi Hicken – tammi.hicken@nebraska.gov (402) 471-3184
For information on Instructional Program Hours, Freida Lange – freida.lange@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2444

ESU/District/System/School Information Report

Collects demographic data for ESUs, Districts, Systems and Schools for the next school year.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU and Interim – Due June 15

For more information, contact Ginny Carter – ginny.carter@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2369.

Nonpublic High School Completer Report

The Nonpublic Completer Report is for each nonpublic system that has the potential of serving students in grade 12.

Collection completed by Nonpublic– Due June 15

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

Pupil Transportation Report

Transportation/Bus Information.

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated, ESU– Due June 15

For more information, contact Janice Eret – Janice.eret@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2248

Report of Suspensions/Expulsions

Suspension/Expulsions (Including Firearm Expulsions).

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated – Due June 15

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

State of Schools Report

Collects district and school information and Improvement Goals and Graduation Requirements.

Collection completed by Public – Due June 15

For more information, contact John Moon – john.moon@nebraska.gov (402) 471-1685

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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