NDE Bulletin
November 12, 2015

2015-16 ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application

Contact the ESEA/NCLB Reviewer for your district or Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

Due to NDE by November 12, 2015

Districts/ESUs not submitting the application by the due date will need to submit a "Request To Submit Data Late Or Make Data Changes" via the NDE Consolidated Data Collection. Submitting the request is no guarantee that the district or ESU will be allowed to submit the application after the due date of November 12th.

NeSA-RMSW 2014-2015 Key Dates

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

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

Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-W Operational Test	December 1, 2015
Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-RMS Operational Test	January 20, 2016

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

Special Education Monthly/Year-End Snapshot

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

Public and State Operated Schools only

This is a reminder for School Districts uploading their Monthly/Year-End Special Education Snapshot, please remember to upload a complete file of all special education students in the first upload to 2015-2016 Year End Collection. The Monthly/Year-End Special Education Snapshot is the source of special education data to be compared with data provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that occurs on the 24th day of each month for the purpose of creating the Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS) claim forms/lists. Participation in MIPS is required by Nebraska Revised Statute 43-2511.

When the district uploads its first Special Education Snapshot for 2015-2016 Year End, it must be a complete file and include all special education students. After the initial upload for year-end, individual records can be uploaded in the monthly updates. A monthly Special Education Snapshot must be submitted when there are new students in special education and whenever there are changes in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy or Speech Therapy services.

Title I Schoolwide Intent Forms – **Due: November 15**

Contact: Beth Wooster (402-471-2452 or beth.wooster@nebraska.gov)

For buildings that do not currently have a Title I Schoolwide Program, but meet the minimum 40% poverty requirement and wish to develop a plan to become Schoolwide for 2016-17 school year, please submit the Title I Schoolwide Intent form by November 15, 2015. The Intent form can be found on the Title I webpage http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20I%20Part%20A.html under Schoolwide Program and Resources.

2014-15 GMS Final Reimbursement Requests – **Due: November 15**

Contact: Shane Rhian (402-471-4313 or 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, 2015.

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
- SPED IDEA Consolidated
    - 4404 – Base
    - 4406 – Preschool
    - 4410 – E/P
    - 4411 – CEIS
    - 4412 – Non-Public

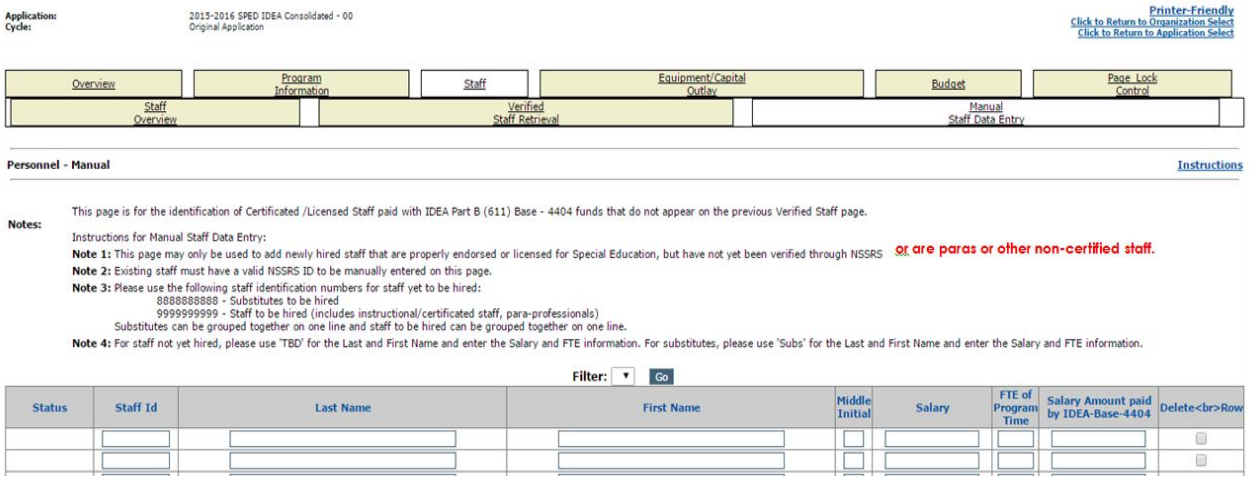
When submitting reimbursement requests, keep the following in mind:

- 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 iPad, iPod, 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.

2015-16 Sped IDEA Consolidated Grant (GMS) Staff Instructions Update – Due: Dec 15

Contact: NDE Special Education Regional Representative

Clarification: The IDEA Consolidated grant (GMS) staff page instructions have been amended. **All** district non-certified staff will require manual addition to the grant application. Refer to notes in **RED** on the graphic below:



Application: 2015-2016 SPED IDEA Consolidated - 00
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Staff Overview | Verified Staff Retrieval | Manual Staff Data Entry

Personnel - Manual — Instructions

Notes:

This page is for the identification of Certificated /Licensed Staff paid with IDEA Part B (611) Base - 4404 funds that do not appear on the previous Verified Staff page.

Instructions for Manual Staff Data Entry:

Note 1: This page may only be used to add newly hired staff that are properly endorsed or licensed for Special Education, but have not yet been verified through NSSRS or are paras or other non-certified staff.

Note 2: Existing staff must have a valid NSSRS ID to be manually entered on this page.

Note 3: Please use the following staff identification numbers for staff yet to be hired:
8888888888 - Substitutes to be hired
9999999999 - Staff to be hired (includes instructional/certificated staff, para-professionals)
Substitutes can be grouped together on one line and staff to be hired can be grouped together on one line.

Note 4: For staff not yet hired, please use 'TBD' for the Last and First Name and enter the Salary and FTE information. For substitutes, please use 'Subs' for the Last and First Name and enter the Salary and FTE information.

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Status	Staff Id	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Salary	FTE of Program Time	Salary Amount paid by IDEA-Base-4404	Delete Row

Sped IDEA Consolidated Application (GMS) – Opened: October 21 – Due: December 15

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

The 2015-16 Sped IDEA Consolidated application opened in the GMS Wednesday, October 21, with a due date of December 15 (11:59 p.m.). Check the NDE Portal for any updates.

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

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or 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.

Technology Plan (Nonpublic optional)

District Technology, Education, Assessment and Management Plan.

Due Date: November 30 Audit Window Close Date: February 15, 2016

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

For more information, contact SuAnn Witt - suann.witt@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2085

Teacher Vacancy Survey (CDC Collection)

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 and shortage

initiatives. Public districts, Nonpublic systems and Educational Service Units will find the Teacher Vacancy Survey in the Portal under the CDC. **Due Date was November 10 – Audit Window Closes December 10**

Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, ESU's

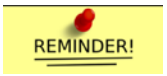
For more information, contact: Karen Buller – karen.buller@nebraska.gov (402) 471-4837

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: December 5**

Collection completed by Public

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



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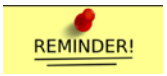
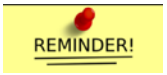
The consolidated application includes the following grant programs:
-Title I, Part A
-Title I, Part D
-Title II, Part A
-Title III (LEP & IE)
Title I Needs Improvement information is included now in the application. Needs Improvement information for Title III Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives and Accountability for Highly Qualified Teachers will not be available until a later date. Districts will be notified if needing to complete either of the sections that will be added later.



Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B MOE - Eligibility Standard Opened: September 21 – Due Date: November 15

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-4308 or pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

School district eligibility for receipt of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA Part B) funds are contingent upon maintaining fiscal effort from year to year. Districts are to report within this application special education expenditures and child counts to establish eligibility for the receipt of current year IDEA Part B funds through the Grant Management system (GMS).



State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2015

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

The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal.

Date	Activity	Public/District

Aug. 26, 2015	2014-2015 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)	District only
Sept., 25, 2015	Last day AYP Appeals will be accepted	District Only
Oct. 16, 2015	SOSR 2014-2015 Report Card released to the public	Public
Nov. 13, 2015	Graduation, Drop-out, Highly Mobile, and School Mobility data added to the 2014-2015 SOSR District Preview	District Only
Nov. 20, 2015	Graduation, Drop-out, Highly Mobile, and School Mobility data added to the Public SOSR 2014-2015 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

   OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

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 Bulletins: Past and Present:

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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