

**NDE Bulletin**  
**February 4, 2016**



**REMINDER!**

**2016 AQuESTT Conference – Call for Presentations Now Open**

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The 2016 AQuESTT: Every Student Everyday – Continuing to Improve with Data Conference, April 18-19, at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE plans are taking shape. A critical aspect of this year’s conference is engagement of district, school, ESU staff and other key partners in sharing best practices, research findings, leadership development and professional learning strategies within the tenets of AQuESTT. In addition, a focused strand on data and technology will be part of the meeting as well. Below is the link to the Conference Call for Presentations. Also, of note, is the prioritizing of session topics supporting the most requested topics by schools and districts from the recent AQuESTT Evidence-based Analysis (EBA). Please consider being a part of this year’s conference by completing a Call for Presentation by February 26.

[http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf\\_proposal\\_2016.aspx?CID=9](http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf_proposal_2016.aspx?CID=9)



**REMINDER!**

**Perkins Intent to Participate – Due Date: February 22**

Contact: Teri Sloup (402-471-4809 or [teri.sloup@nebraska.gov](mailto:teri.sloup@nebraska.gov))

This notification is to request action to complete the intent to participate process for Perkins funding during the 2016-2017 program year. All school districts, even if participating in a consortium, career academy, or choosing not to participate, must complete the data collection. The form must be submitted by the District Administrator.

This action is accomplished through the official submission of the intent and eligibility to participate in Perkins through the NDE Portal located at <https://portal.education.ne.gov/> under the "Data Collections" tab. This specific data collection is entitled "Perkins IV Career and Technical Education."

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 February 22.



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**New NSSRS Validation Errors**

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

Five new Validation Errors have been added to the NSSRS Validation website available through the NDE Portal under the Student & Staff (NSSRS) tab.

**-565 Dual Credit Course Reported For Student Below 9th Grade:** A record was reported in the Student Grades template with a Dual Credit Code that indicates the student was dual enrolled in a course (reporting either a 1 "Yes" or 2 "No") while the student’s current grade level was lower than 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**-566 No Superintendent Reported at District:** All Rule 10 accredited and Rule 14 approved public and nonpublic districts must report one person with at least a portion of their position assignment FTE coded as a

Superintendent (0-2320) in NSSRS Staff Reporting. If an approved nonpublic district does not have its own superintendent, the superintendent responsible for visitations should be listed.

**-567 No Principal/Head Teacher Reported at a School:** All Rule 10 accredited public and nonpublic schools must report one person with at least a portion of their position assignment FTE coded as a Principal (2410) in NSSRS Staff Reporting. Rule 14 approved nonpublic schools may report a Head Teacher (1150) instead.

**-568 No Counselor Reported at a Middle/Secondary School:** All Rule 10 accredited public and nonpublic middle/secondary/high schools must report one person with at least a portion of their position assignment FTE coded as a Counselor (2120 or 2121) in NSSRS Staff Reporting.

**-569 No Librarian/Media Specialist Reported Within a District:** All Rule 10 accredited public and nonpublic districts must report one person with at least a portion of their position assignment FTE coded as a Librarian (2222) or Media Specialist (2223) in NSSRS Staff Reporting. The Librarian/Media Specialist may be reported at the district level or at any school within the district.



### **New Verification Reports Available in NSSRS Validation**

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Two new verification reports have been added to the NSSRS Validation website available through the NDE Portal under the Student & Staff (NSSRS) tab. These reports are available in the Verification Reports > Student > Student Grades menu:

**-Delivery Model Counts:** shows a count of how many class sections at a school were reported with a delivery model other than “Classroom” through your Student Grades template in the current year compared to the previous year

**-Dual Credit Counts:** shows a count of how many class sections per school and per course code were reported with dual enrolled students through your Student Grades template in the current year compared to the previous year.



### **Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part B Calculation**

#### **Tool**

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

A calculation tool to assist districts in tracking MOE is now available to determine MOE for 2014-15/2015-16 year. Individual email notifications were sent to District representatives the week of January 17 with additional access information.



### **NeSA-RMSW 2015-2016 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.

eDIRECT Test Setup for NeSA-RMS available to Districts. Check student information in Test Setup => Students for any needed corrections – accommodations, demographics, or testing codes.	February 22 – May 6, 2016
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Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website:

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

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**NonPublic Curriculum Report 2015-2016 – Due Date: February 29**

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

*This is required for NonPublic Systems only.*

The NonPublic Curriculum Reporting System 2015-2016 will collect data on courses teachers teach for use in determining compliance with Rule 10 and Rule 14. The NonPublic Curriculum Report is located under the "Data Collections" tab in the Portal. Due Date: February 29. Audit Window close date: March 14.

**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 – **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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