



2016 AQuESTT Conference – April 18-19, 2016

“Every Student Everyday – Continuing to Improve with Data Conference”

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Registration is now open! Please follow this link to register:

http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/cf_Conference_2016.aspx?CID=9

Purpose:

The purpose of the conference is to support school and district improvement efforts focused on the tenets of AQuESTT (i.e., College and Career Ready; Educator Effectiveness; Assessment; Positive Partnerships, Relationships & Student Success; Transitions; and Educational Opportunities and Access). The conference is also designed to broaden educator understanding of the roles of research and evaluation, emerging and best practices, and professional learning in achieving student success. In addition to sessions that focus on these topics, there will also be opportunities to learn about the latest efforts in data use, tools, and training around systems of support for Nebraska schools. Finally, we are pleased to announce the National Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) will be joining us in Nebraska to provide a series of timely and appropriate sessions on student data privacy and security best practices.

Who should attend?

School districts and Educational Service Units are encouraged to send teams to the conference to maximize opportunities for professional learning that will benefit their students and schools. Suggestions for team members include school and district administrators, curriculum directors, special education directors, assessment coordinators, school improvement team members, data stewards, teacher leaders, and others involved in supporting systems of education for every student, every day.

Please review the two-page conference flyer at

<http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov/Documents/2016/AQuESTT2016Flyer.pdf>



IDEA MOE for Compliance Standard – Open: March 15 – Due Date: May 2

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

IDEA Part B Special Education Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Application for Compliance Standard for school year 2014-2015 will open on March 15, 2016. The report may be accessed within the NDE Portal under the Data Collection tab.

School district receipt of IDEA dollars is contingent upon maintaining fiscal effort for Special Education. Districts must expend a greater or equal amount of local or local/state funds from one year to the next to meet the MOE requirement. Final calculations based on actual special education school district expenditures/receipts/data obtained from the 2014-2015 AFR and NSSRS are available and have been compared to the highest levels of fiscal effort. As a result, calculations for meeting the IDEA MOE Compliance Standard may have resulted in a MOE excess or shortage that requires school district review for determination of adjustments or credits that could modify the MOE level.



2015-2016 Instructional Units Review for Nonpublic Schools

Contact: Approval and Accreditation at 402-471-2444 for questions regarding Instructional Units
Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) with questions regarding how to update the Nonpublic Curriculum and/or submit the Nonpublic Curriculum Data.

NonPublic Systems Only

The Nonpublic Curriculum data (courses teachers teach) was due February 29, the audit window close date is March 15. If you have not yet submitted the Nonpublic Curriculum, submit it as soon as possible. Approval and Accreditation is reviewing the Instructional Units Reports at this time and will contact you if they have any concerns. Review the NSSRS Validation, Verification Report, Staff, Teachers Assigned Out of Endorsed Area or Level. If you need to make corrections to the Nonpublic Curriculum Report, that will remain open until March 15.



Special Education Post-School Outcomes – Open: April 1 – Due Date: April 30

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

Public Districts Only

The report for submitting contact information for students with a disability who exited special education in 2014-2015 school year is located on the NDE Portal under the Data Collection tab. Accurate student contact information will assure your students will be contacted and included in this required Post School Outcome collection. Please be sure to scroll down on the report to enter each student's contact information as indicated. This collection is considered for each school district's annual federally required "determination".

REMINDER!

NonPublic Curriculum Report 2015-2016 – Audit Window Close Date: March 14.

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

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.

REMINDER!

Title III LEP and Immigrant Counts – Due April 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Terri Schuster (402.471.4694 or terri.schuster@nebraska.gov)

Public Districts Only

On April 4, we will be pulling 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 2016-2017 school year for both the Title III LEP and Title III immigrant programs. The following NSSRS fields are used in determining the Title III allocations: Field 95, LEP eligibility and Field 89, Immigrant indicator. **Please check your data to ensure that it is updated.**

REMINDER!

Nonpublic Consultation for 2015-16 – Open: March 7 – Due Date: May 2

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

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Public Districts Only

It's time to be planning for the next school year by completing consultations with nonpublic schools regarding equitable services for the 2016-17 school year. These two collections are found in the NDE Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) under the Data Collections tab 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
- Math and Science Partnerships

Federal Programs Within Boundaries Nonpublic Consultation

Every public school district in Nebraska having 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 forms for the public district to print out and 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.

NOTE: In the CDC, the category for both of these forms has been changed from "Title I" and "General," to "FEDERAL." Anyone that previously had "Title I" access, will be rolled over to "FEDERAL" access. Superintendents now have access to this activation code and may assign it to appropriate staff. As with other reports in the CDC, the person entering the data may "Submit" the data, but the Authorized Representative (usually the Superintendent) will need to "Approve" the collection.

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.

Audit Window Close Date: May 16



NCLB Non Qualified Verification Report

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

The NCLB Non Qualified Report is available once the Student Grades template has been uploaded. 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, along with appropriate documentation, 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>.

The recently passed Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) no longer includes language regarding the current highly qualified requirements. Pending issuance of implementation regulations by USDE, the current highly qualified requirements will remain in effect until further notice.

HOUSSE applications received by June 24, 2016 will be reflected in the 2015-16 SOSR. After that date, the “Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes” will need to be submitted.



New NSSRS Student Validation Error

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

Public Districts Only

A new Validation Error has been added to the NSSRS Validation website available through the NDE Portal under the Student & Staff (NSSRS) tab.

- 571 STUDENT Resident District is different from District (County District Number), but SCHOOL ENROLL Residence Status = Not Applicable (STUDENT & SCHOOL ENROLLMENT): The Resident District (District of Residence) listed in STUDENT is different from the District (County District Number), but the Residence Status listed in SCHOOL ENROLL is (0) Not Applicable. If the Residence District is different from the District where the student is enrolled, then a Residence Status must be listed.



NeSA-RMSW 2015-2016 Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or 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
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Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website:

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

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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