

**NDE Bulletin**  
**September 15, 2011**

**NeSA Results on the Preview: State of the Schools Report 2010-2011**

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**NeSA Reading and NeSA Math results are now on the Preview: State of the Schools Report 2010-2011 for district review.** The Preview site is found on the NDE Portal under Data Collections.

**AYP Decisions will be posted on the Preview: State of the Schools Report 2010-2011 on MONDAY, September 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.** It is very important for all districts to review their AYP decisions before they are released to the public on October 19, 2011. The AYP Count Verification has been revised and is now called "Accountability Count Verification". It will still be found in NSSRS Validation in the NDE Portal. It will also be available on Monday, September 19, 2011.

**Consolidated Data Collection: Nonpublic Systems Reports**

**Nonpublic Membership**

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Nonpublic systems will report their student counts as of the last Friday in September in the CDC application titled Nonpublic Membership Report. This application will re-open September 30 to ensure the counts are reported as of the last Friday in September. The instructions for completing this report are included in the application. This report is due October 31, 2011.

**Nonpublic Dropouts**

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Nonpublic systems will report students that drop out of school from grades 7 through 12 in the CDC application titled Nonpublic Dropouts. The data will be students that dropped out of the 2010-2011 school year and did not return as of the last Friday in September 2011. The instructions for completing this report are included in the application. This report is due October 31, 2011.

**Revised "2010-11 Statistics and Facts about Nebraska Schools"**

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A correction was made this week to the 2010-2011 version of the annual "Statistics and Facts about Nebraska Schools" originally published June 21, 2011. The changes were limited to totals for Table 16 "2010-2011 Nebraska Fall Membership by Race and Gender in Approved/Accredited Public, Non Public and State Operated Districts/Systems", which previously contained incorrect counts for male students in the "Two or More Races" category and female students in the "Black" category. A copy can be downloaded from either the "District and School Information" Quick Facts section of the public Data Reporting System (<http://drs.education.ne.gov/quickfacts/Pages/DistrictandSchoolInformation.aspx>) or the NDE Data Services "Data and Information" web page ([http://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/Data\\_and\\_Information.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/Data_and_Information.html)).

**Nutrition Services: Direct Certification**

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NDE's new Direct Certification process provide three methods of determining students who are categorically eligible for free school lunch by virtue of receiving SNAP or TANF benefits. The first method occurs automatically for public school districts having submitted data via NSSRS. Second, public or nonpublic schools may upload a file directly to the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) website (<http://cnp.education.ne.gov>). Third, public or nonpublic schools may use the Student Interactive Lookup System (SILS) form on the CNP website to determine immediately if a student is categorically eligible. The SILS also allows additional identifiers to be provided to "raise the score" and increase the probability of finding a match.

Schools are encouraged to select the combination of methods that work best for their situation. For example, some public districts may choose to submit student data via NSSRS sooner than previous years while others may choose to submit a file directly to the CNP website. In any event, the 2011-2012 NSSRS Calendar ([http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/NSSRS\\_DATES\\_20112012.pdf](http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/docs/NSSRS_DATES_20112012.pdf)) remains unchanged. One of the objectives of Direct Certification is to identify eligible students before parents complete the paper application. Additional Direct Certification information is available at <http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/forms/nslpforms/DirectCert.html>.

**REMINDERS****Staff Reporting (Fall Personnel Due September 15)**

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State statute requires Public Districts and Nonpublic Systems to submit a Fall Personnel Report by September 15. The NSSRS Staff Reporting data collection is located under the Student & Staff (NSSRS) tab on the portal. Special Purpose Schools (State Operated), Educational Service Units and Interim Programs (Rule 18s) should report during this timeframe too. The Staff Reporting system is new for 2011-2012, online entry and uploads are allowed. Corrections will be accepted through October 31, 2011.

**2011 Cohort: Requests to Change Data Due September 16, 2011**

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In order that accurate 2011 Cohort Four-year Graduation rates are displayed on the State of the Schools Report this October, all requests to change data related to the 2011 Cohort must be submitted via the CDC "Graduation Cohort Resolution Request" process on or before September 16, 2011. Districts may view embargoed 2011 Cohort Four-year graduation rates on the Preview: State of the Schools Report 2010-2011, which is accessed via the NDE Portal under the "Data Collections" tab. Districts may investigate 2011 Cohort details using the "Graduation Cohort Analysis Tool" within NSSRS Validation.