

NDE Bulletin
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ARRA 1512 Reporting (Opening September 15; Due October 5/CDC Collection)

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Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district, ESU or School Food Authority) through an ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program through the NDE Portal - Consolidated Data Collections (CDC) at <http://portal.education.ne.gov/>. Section 1512 ARRA Reporting will be available from September 15 to October 5.

Dropout Reporting

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

Students in grades 7-12 reported as “Not Enrolled Eligible to Return” (Enrollment Code 205) at the end of the 2010-2011 school year who did not return on or before the last Friday in September (September 30, 2011) must be reported as a Dropout (Enrollment Code 202) for the 2010-2011 school year. These School Enrollment records are to be submitted during the NSSRS “2010-11 Resubmission” window, which is open October 18 through November 10, 2011. The list of students who were not enrolled but eligible to return in the 2010-11 school year is displayed on the NSSRS Validation Enrollment-Students Not Enrolled, Eligible to Return Verification Report.

Federal Programs Presentations

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The NDE Federal Programs Team will be providing weekly informational presentations for the next several weeks. Each presentation will be available via the NDE website. The presentations are currently scheduled for Thursdays beginning at 1:00 p.m. (Central Time). Some presentations will be interactive and some will provide information only with no two-way interaction. **The first of these presentations is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2011 beginning at 1:00 p.m.** NDE staff are in the process of finalizing the schedule for upcoming weeks. Information will be shared as it becomes available. All presentations will be taped and available on the NDE Federal Programs website (<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/index.html>) shortly after the broadcast.

Basic ESEA/NCLB Application Information Webinar - Thursday, September 29th at 1:00pm

This webinar will focus on how to complete the Title I section of ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application and what NDE reviewers look for when reviewing it. This webinar is recommended for new administrators or those responsible for completing the ESEA/NCLB consolidated application. If joining the live webinar please log in as a “Guest”. It will be taped and available on the NDE Federal Programs website after it is completed for later reference. The link to the webinar can be found at: <http://nde.adobeconnect.com/r98j337jzk6/>

2011-12 ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application to Open Thursday, September 29, 2011

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The ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application will become available on Thursday, September 29, 2011. **All original applications are to be submitted to NDE by November 15, 2011.** This application is available through the NDE portal. A "Contact Us" link is available at the bottom of each application page and provides a list of program staff with contact information. ESEA/NCLB reviewers are organized according to Educational Service Unit areas. A link to "Instructions" is provided on every page that requires data to be entered by the applicant.

NCLB ARRA Waiver Request – Additional Information

Last week's NDE Bulletin announced NDE's intention to seek a waiver from the timelines for FY2009 NCLB and NCLB/ARRA funds. The waiver request (repeated below) has been revised to include additional Migrant programs and extended the date for written comments to October 4, 2011. The availability of FY2009 funds (funds awarded in July 2009 and carryover for 2010-11 school year) for obligation or expenditure, without this waiver, would end on September 30, 2011 (this coming Friday).

To understand the extent of our concern and the amount of funds involved, a file (Grants: Unpaid Funds To Be Obligated by September 30, 2011) has been posted on the Federal Programs homepage at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html> that identifies the amount of funds for programs in the grants management system (GMS). Programs not in the GMS may also have carryover funds that are affected by this timeline and waiver request (see chart below).

The time frame set by the U. S. Department of Education for getting a waiver request approved comes AFTER the day (Sept. 30, 2011) that these programs should be closed out. So, NDE is asking all sub recipients (districts, ESUs) to follow the following steps:

1. Obligate or expend the funds before this Friday (9/30/11). To obligate funds means to issue a purchase order that identifies the intended expenditure and, most importantly, the date. Obligations must be for services/activities already approved in the application and still allowable in 2011-12 when the funds are actually spent. Note: Some Title I programs chose to spend ARRA funds to expand services to new grade levels or buildings that are not being served in 2011-12 school year. Any carryover funds spent under this waiver during the 2011-12 school year must be for services in grade levels or buildings being served in 2011-12.
2. If NDE's waiver request is approved and announced, NDE will allow districts and ESUs to change obligations if needed.
3. Some districts and ESUs have already submitted a Final Report. If any Final Report has not yet been approved and contains unused FY2009 funds, NDE staff will contact the district or ESU to see if the district or ESU really want to release the funds (assuming the waiver request is approved).
4. Programs included in the waiver request that are not in the GMS should follow the same process as above.

If you have questions, please contact the NCLB Program Director or the Financial Services staff.

ESEA and ARRA Extension of Time Waiver

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On Wednesday, September 21st, the U. S. Department of Education announced an offer of a waiver for States to extend the obligation period for the ESEA (NCLB) or ARRA (Recovery Act) grants awarded in

FY2009 and listed in the chart below. Without a waiver, these funds would end on September 30, 2011. The waiver would allow sub recipients (districts, ESUs, etc.) until September 30, 2012 to obligate and use these FY2009 funds. While most sub recipients have already obligated or spent these funds, the additional time would enable both NDE and sub recipients flexibility with any remaining funds and for processing claims and payments for these grants. Additional information on the implications and process changes involved will be provided once the waiver request is approved.

The waiver request process requires a public notice and a 10 day window for accepting comments on the NDE's intent to apply. This email serves as public notice that the Nebraska Department of Education intends to apply for the waiver. Comments must be submitted in writing (email or regular mail) by 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2011 to Marilyn Peterson at the address provided below or by email. A public notice is also posted at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html>

List of ESEA State-Administered ESEA Formula Grant Programs that Received FY 2009 Funds under the Regular Appropriation or ARRA

CFDA	Program
84.010A	Title I, Part A Grants to Local Educational Agencies
84.389A	Title I, Part A Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Recovery Act)
84.213A	Title I, Part B, Subpart 3 Even Start
84.011A	Title I, Part C Migrant Education State Grants
84.013A	Title I, Part D State Agency Neglected and Delinquent Program
84.367A	Title II, Part A Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
84.366A	Math Science Partnerships
84.318X	Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology (Ed-Tech) State Program
84.386A	Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology (Ed-Tech) State Program (Recovery Act)
84.365A	Title III, Part A English Language State Grants
84.186A	Title IV, Part A Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community Grants
84.287C	Title IV, Part B 21 st Century Community Learning Centers
84.369A	State Assessment Grants