

**NDE Bulletin**  
**April 14, 2011**

### **Accountability Counts! The 2011 State Data Conference**

It is not too late to register for the 2011 State Data Conference to be held April 18 and 19. Preliminary breakout session schedule and descriptions are now available. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.education.ne.gov/>

### **2010-2011 Curriculum Report Updates**

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The correction window for the Curriculum Report Updates will be closing April 22, 2011. Districts should have received the Instructional Units Report from Approval and Accreditation for courses offered in grades 9-12. Instructions for submitting any corrections were included with the report. Teachers Assigned Out of Endorsed Area and or Level and NCLB Non Qualified reports are located in the NDE Portal in NSSRS Validation under verification reports. Please review all these reports and, if appropriate, make corrections to the Curriculum Report, Staff Snapshot and/or Staff Assignment. The Curriculum Report is located through the Portal under Data Collections. No corrections to the Curriculum report will be accepted after April 22<sup>nd</sup>. HOUSSE forms will be accepted through June 30, 2011. An updated Instructional Units Report will be sent out after the Curriculum Report has closed.

### **NSSRS: Updated 2011-2012 Instructions**

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2011-2012 NSSRS information is now available on the NSSRS Resources page of the NSSRS website (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs>). Additionally, the following documents were updated April 11, 2011:

- The NSSRS Calendars for both 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 now include a “Correction” window that opens August 1.
- “Who Reports What” document updated to synchronize with Standards, Assessment, and Accountability guidance regarding state wards.
- “Special Education Snapshot” (version 4.0.1) updated to include reference to the “Special Education NSSRS Data Element Definitions” document for additional information when selecting values for Setting [Special Education Snapshot:Primary Setting Code (44)] and Exit Reason [Special Education Snapshot:Primary Exit Reason Code (52)].
- NSSRS Staff Reporting instructions (version 1.1.0) updated to reflect changes made to file naming conventions of new **Staff Demographics** and **Staff Position Assignments** file specifications.

Please refer to the Change Summary in Appendix A of each document for details. Also, please consider attending the “NSSRS 2011-2012: What’s New” session at the 2011 State Data Conference.

### **Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)**

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The FFATA requires that information on sub-awards of federal funds made after October 1, 2010, and contracts involving federal funds made after March 1, 2011, be made available to the public via a searchable website. The required information includes the name of the recipient and location of the recipient; the amount of the award and source of funding; award information such as transaction type, funding agency, and use or purpose; the DUNS number; and other relevant information. The U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will maintain this information at: [www.USASpending.gov](http://www.USASpending.gov)

The FFATA information will be reported by NDE and not by districts. The data submitted will be verified by checking the DUNS numbers of districts with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) System. A recent check indicated that more than 60 districts had not updated their data in the CCR. These districts are receiving individual email notices from NDE.

Though not a part or requirement of FFATA, the U. S. Department of Education has created a website for displaying and comparing educational data across all states at: <http://dashboard.ed.gov/>

### State of the Schools Report Timeline

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### **Revisions as of April 14, 2011 in bold**

This timeline of activities for the collection and public release of the 2010-11 State of the Schools Report (SOSR) will be updated as needed. For information on submissions, please see the NSSRS Calendar at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Calendar>

NEW: The State of the Schools (SOSR) Preview 2010-11, found in the NDE Portal under Data Collections, will open on June 1. The SOSR Preview 2010-11 displays the data submitted by districts on the next business day. This year, the SOSR Preview will have two new displays:

- The number and achievement (performance on NeSA tests when it becomes available) of students considered to be Highly Mobile as required in Nebraska law 79,760.05.
  - Information on the process of identifying Highly Mobile students and data will be presented at the Data Conference (April 18-19, 2011) and will be posted on the NSSRS website after the conference.
- The Cohort Four-Year Graduation data for all subgroups in all high schools - this will be **preliminary** data until any summer graduate data is submitted (August 1 – 12). The Cohort Four-Year Graduation rates will be published on the 2010-11 State of the Schools Report but are not the official graduation rate for 2010-11 and will not be used for AYP's Other Academic Indicator until the 2011-12 school year.
  - Reminder: The Graduation Cohort Analysis Tool is available now and accessed via NSSRS Validation.

Mar. 21 – Apr. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrections to current year Curriculum Reports allowed</li> </ul>
April 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Districts receive Grades 4 and 8 NeSA Writing results</li> </ul>
June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOSR Preview 2011 opens with data displayed on the day after submission</li> <li>• NEW REPORTS: Cohort 4-Year Graduation Data and Highly Mobile students</li> </ul>

June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tentative date for adding NeSA-Writing results to the SOSR Preview 2011</li> </ul>
June 27 – July 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standards Setting for NeSA – Math and NeSA, Alternate Assessment Math, and Alternate Assessment Reading</li> </ul>
June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due date for submissions in NSSRS and CDC (See NSSRS Calendar)</li> <li>• HOUSSE forms for NCLB Qualified Teachers due</li> </ul>
July 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Board Meeting to approve the achievement standards for NeSA-M, NeSA – AAM, and NeSA - AAR</li> <li>• AYP State goals set and submitted for approval by U. S. Department of Education</li> </ul>
July 22- 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS system unavailable for scheduled maintenance and upgrades</li> </ul>
August 1 – 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS 2010-11 Corrections Window including submission of summer graduate data (See NSSRS Calendar)</li> </ul>
August 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Districts receive their own NeSA – Reading and Math and Writing results from DRC</li> </ul>
<b>August 17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NeSA – Reading and Math results posted on the NDE homepage. The Initial public release will be files with the results for the all students group for schools and districts.</b></li> </ul>
August 1 – 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Window for correcting 2010-11 data</li> </ul>
August 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS opens for 2011-12 school year data</li> </ul>
Mid-September*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AYP decisions posted on the SOSR Review 2011</li> <li>• Districts have 30 days to submit appeals of AYP decisions</li> </ul> <p>*Watch for announcements in NDE Bulletins</p>
October 18 – November 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS 2010-11 Resubmission window open (See NSSRS Calendar)</li> </ul>
<b>October 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Release of the State of the Schools Report for the 2010-11 school year</b></li> </ul>

**REMINDER:**

Reimbursement claims for ARRA funds should be submitted as soon as possible. The additional workload for processing the Final Reports for ARRA funds as well as regular federal grant funds within the same timelines may cause delays in payments. Thanks.