

NDE Bulletin

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

ARRA Reporting

Districts, ESUs and SFA (School Food Authorities) that received ARRA grants from any source (i.e., IDEA, ESEA, School Lunch) have required quarterly reporting. Additional information on reporting requirements will be available soon. To prepare for the first report in October, these agencies will be receiving an email from Ron Mowrey next week requesting basic preliminary information needed to facilitate further data collections. This includes a DUNS number.

A DUNS number is a tool of the federal government to track how federal money is distributed. **Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is required for all recipients of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.** This number must be included on all required ARRA reports. The DUNS number is a unique nine-character number that identifies each organization. Most intermediate school districts and ESUs already have a DUNS number. To verify whether or not you have a DUNS number or to acquire one, follow the steps in this guide - http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/duns_num_guide.pdf

ARRA Stabilization Funds

The ARRA Stabilization Fund application is available under the GMS tab in the Portal. The applications are due October 1, 2009. Completing the application includes both the online portion of the application and the submission of a printed and signed assurances. Applications (and assurances) can be submitted now but will not receive final approval until September 1, 2009.

ARRA Title II, Part D Technology

The ARRA Title II, Part D Technology funds are going to be available only through competitive grants. This decision is based on strong encouragement from the U. S. Department of Education to integrate ARRA technology with other ARRA funds to support the purposes and intentions of State school reform efforts. Applications for the previously announced competitive grants will be returned as the application is being revised. There will be no need for districts or ESUs to amend their ESEA ARRA applications since there will be no formula ARRA Title II, Part D funds.

ARRA IDEA and ESEA Funds

The U. S. Department of Education will release the remaining half of the IDEA (Special Education) and ESEA Title I, Part A funds on September 1 instead of October 1 as previously announced. This means that after September 1, districts and ESUs can request payment for up to 100% of their 2009-10 ARRA Title I, Part A funds if these funds have been obligated or spent. Grant Award Notices (GAN) will now reflect 100% of the approved amount.

NSSRS/CDC

CORRECTION to the August 11, 2009 Bulletin: The following data collections open on September 15th rather than being due on that date.

State-Aid related Consolidated Data Collections OPEN September 15, 2009

1. Two-year New School Adjustment Application
2. Elementary Site Allowance

NOTE: Do not confuse the “Elementary Site Allowance” with either the “Elementary Class Size Allowance (Fall)” or “Elementary Class Size Allowance (Year-end)” collections.

Staff Assignment Codes for Title I Paraprofessionals - Change for 2009-10

Beginning with 2009-10 staff reporting of Title I paraprofessionals in NSSRS, ALL instructional paraprofessionals will be reported with the 0-5160 code. {Note: 0-5160 will be the only valid Assignment Code [Staff Assignment: Assignment Code (3)] for Instructional Paraprofessionals.} We will no longer be collecting the special Program Indicator (SPI) code for instructional paraprofessionals in Title I Schools. Title I Schoolwide projects report ALL Instructional paraprofessionals regardless of funding. Title I Targeted Assistance Schools report only instructional paraprofessionals funded by Title I.

NCLB

2007-08 NCLB Funds

As of this week, there is still more than \$70,000 of 2007-08 funds that need to be amended into the 2008-09 applications as carryover funds. Failure to do so before closeout may mean a loss of these funds.

2008-09 NCLB Consolidated Applications

August 31 is the due date for submitting Final Reports to close-out the NCLB programs in the 2008-09 NCLB Consolidated Application unless needing to spend down in September to meet the carryover limitations of Title I, Part A and Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools).