

NDE Bulletin
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Due February 1: NeSA-Reading, NeSA-Math, and Nebraska Staff and Student Record System (NSSRS)

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) or the NDE Assessment Office (402-471-2495)

February 1, 2011 is the final day for districts to submit updated Student, School Enrollment, and Special Education Snapshot records via NSSRS prior to that information being delivered to the NeSA vendor. Districts are encouraged to utilize the "NeSA Reading and Math Labels" verification report to ensure errors are corrected and any necessary changes are made. This verification report is accessed using the following steps.

- 1) Log into the NDE Portal
- 2) Enter the "NSSRS Validation" system, found on the "Student & Staff (NSSRS)" tab
- 3) Select "Verification Reports"
- 4) Click the "View Report" link beside "NeSA Reading and Math Labels", found within the "Assessment" section

In particular, please refer to the "ALT READ" and "ALT MATH" columns on the "NeSA Reading and Math Labels" verification report to ensure the students who are to receive alternate assessments are identified. Corrections can be made by submitting changes to Alternate Assessment Flag [Special Education Snapshot:Alternate Assessment (23)].

ARRA/ESEA Update Telecast

The next ARRA/ESEA Update will be telecast on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (Central time) on NET*SAT 105. The agenda will include updates on NCLB Title I funds, the new Ed Jobs Funds, Teacher to Student Connections and more. The telecast will be no more than one hour. For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast will be posted by Wednesday morning, February 2, 2011, on the NCLB homepage at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/nclbupdates/index.htm> A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast.

NSSRS: New "Guidance for Reporting Student Grades Template" Available

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A new document titled "Guidance for Reporting Student Grades Template" (version 1.0.0 dated January 27, 2011) is now available within the "Program-specific Information" section on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>). This document supplements the Student Grades template instructions and includes sections covering:

- A. Reporting on Student Course Taking
- B. Reporting Course Information
- C. Reporting Course Grade Information
- D. Reporting Information on Staff Teaching the Course

The District Data Collection Group (made up of Nebraska school district staff) assisted in the development and review of this document. Many thanks to them!

NSSRS: Updated Template Instructions for “Staff Assignment”

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An updated “NSSRS Staff Templates Instruction Manual” (version 5.3.1 dated January 26, 2011) is now available on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>). The only correction was to modify guidance to exclude 1164 (SPED Teacher-Facilitator) from list for which a curriculum report is required. Please refer to the Change Summary in Appendix A for details.

2010-2011 Curriculum Report: Updated “Appendix D: Course Codes and Clearing Endorsements”

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An updated “Appendix D: Course Codes and Clearing Endorsements” (version 2.2 dated January 25, 2011) is now available on the “2010-2011 Curriculum Report” web page (http://www.education.ne.gov/DataServices/2010_2011Curriculum_Report.htm). Please refer to the Change Summary in Appendix A of that document for details. One addition to note is a course code for students taking a course called Student Aide (230800).

REMINDERS

2010-2011 Curriculum Reporting System Opened January 11th, 2011. Report due 2/28/2011.

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The 2010-2011 Curriculum Reporting System remains open. This collection is located under the Data Collections tab in the NDE Portal. All Public Districts, Nonpublic Systems, State Operated Systems, Rule 18 Interim-Program Schools and ESUs will report if they have reported staff in NSSRS as a teacher. Version 2.4 is the current version of the Curriculum Reporting System Instruction Manual. This manual and other supporting documentation are located at <http://www.education.ne.gov/DataServices> and click on Data Collections, then click on 2010-2011 for the Curriculum Reporting System.

Accountability Counts! The 2011 State Data Conference

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://connect.comptility.com/form/index.php?id=2bc6826b51b19234b7bbc2e9f9ae37be>

New tests, data collections, and reporting responsibilities are changing what we know about ourselves and what others will know about us! Accountability Counts! 2011 State Data Conference will have a dual focus this year: collecting and using data. It will be held in the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, the new facility behind the Hampton Inn, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18th and closing by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19th. This is an opportunity to learn the latest, visit with NDE staff, and have personalized answers at the popular Information Tables.

NSSRS: Updated Template Instructions for “Student Grades”

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An updated “NSSRS Student Templates Instruction Manual” (version 5.4.0 dated January 18, 2011) is now available on the NSSRS Documents web page

(<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>). Corrections were made to reflect that NDE Staff ID [Student Grades:Staff ID (7)] is not a key field on the Student Grades template. Please refer to the Change Summary in Appendix A for details.