

NDE Bulletin
January 6, 2011

Save the Date – April 18 and 19, 2011

The Nebraska Department of Education's annual data conference will be held in the new convention center in Kearney starting at 1:00 p.m. on April 18th and finish by 5:00 p.m. on April 19th. The conference will focus on using data as well as collecting data. Watch for more details, including registration instructions, soon.

Curriculum Reporting System 2010-11 – Due February 28, 2011

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

The Curriculum Reporting System for 2010-11 will open on January 11, 2011 in the Portal under the Data Collections tab. Every public and nonpublic school must complete this report.

NOTICE: The 2010-11 school year will be the last year NDE will collect courses teachers teach using the Curriculum Reporting System for public districts. In the future, data from the Student Grades template will be used for the reports that currently use the Curriculum Reporting system data. Nonpublic schools will continue to use the Curriculum Reporting System since they do not submit student data (Student Grades Template).

Reporting of staff information will have several other changes in 2011-12:

- (a) a new NDE Staff identification number will replace the use of the Social Security numbers,
- (b) starting in 2011-12, the Nebraska Education Staff System (NESS) will replace the Staff Snapshot and the Staff Assignment templates.

Nutrition Services: Direct Certification Update for Public and Nonpublic Schools

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District staff can access the "Qualified Student List Directly Certified as Free" report on the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) website and click on the 'All Dates Combined' in the list date to view all students who qualify. The report can be reviewed the following day for public schools uploading School Enrollment records to NSSRS and nonpublic schools uploading CSV files to the CNP website. The report displays students who are categorically eligible to receive free school meals. Once a student qualifies for direct certification, the student is qualified throughout the entire school year.

The School Enrollment records and CSV files are matched with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF) to determine if a student qualifies for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Direct Certification. The current DHHS files were received last November but, in the near future, the procedure will incorporate weekly extract from DHHS.

The CNP website is located at <http://cnp.education.ne.gov/>

ARRA Special Education IDEA Part B, CEIS, and Preschool Only Collection

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The 2011 ARRA SPED IDEA Part B, CEIS, and Preschool Payments Only Collection ([ARRA IDEA B/Preschl - PAYMENTS](#)) is now available in the Portal under the GMS tab. All districts appear to have approved applications in the GMS. This does not indicate the actual application status. The application is approved by the [NDE Office of Special Education](#) in the system external to GMS. At such time, an automated email will be sent to the district. A process then runs nightly to move the approved budget into GMS. Once the budget has been updated, a Reimbursement Request can be created, and with approved documentation, a payment will be processed. Please contact the NDE Helpdesk for technical assistance, Pete Biaggio for application questions, and Greg Prochazka for payment inquiries.