

NDE Bulletin  
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### **Enhanced NDE Directory Search**

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

The online Directory Search has been updated and enhanced. The search tool allows access to lists of districts/systems, schools, and staff information by school years. The customizable results are downloadable and have a printable version. Features include:

1. Quick Lists provides commonly requested lists of district/system or school information.
2. Curriculum data can included in the custom staff search. For example: when performing a "Search for Staff" then "Custom Search", and then selecting teacher positions, the course and course subject area can be selected.
3. School Staff Directory provides a list of districts/systems, administrators, schools and staff. This list is similar to the NDE Education Directory (no longer published) and can be printed in its entirety or a particular district or county can be selected.

The updated Directory Search is available to the public at (<http://educdirsrc.education.ne.gov/>) or through the NDE homepage by clicking "Nebraska Education Directory" on the menu.

### **Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) Reading**

Contact: NDE Assessment Office 402-471-2495

**Cut scores:** The State Board of Education set the cut scores for the NeSA-R and the NeSA-AAR assessments. The NDE website: <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/index.html> (note that the address changed July 1<sup>st</sup>) has the file of the scale score cut points. A conversion table for how NeSA-R scale scores correspond to raw scores will be linked to our site on August 16<sup>th</sup> when districts have access to their NeSA reports.

**WebEx Training:** There will be training on NeSA reports (how to access reports via eDirect, the interpretative guide materials, reporting readiness) on the following schedule (all Central time):

- Tue Aug 3 – 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM
- Wed Aug 4 – 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM
- Thu Aug 5 – 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM
- Fri Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM

### **Timeline:**

- August 16<sup>th</sup> – NeSA-R Reports available via eDirect  
NeSA-AAR (alternate) Reports will be available via NeSA SECURE. This is a new site we are putting up behind the portal at NDE for the District Assessment Coordinators (DAC). You will receive access directions by the first week in August.
- August 17<sup>th</sup> Public release of NeSA
- October 1<sup>st</sup> State of the Schools Report

### **Dates for the State of the Schools Report 2010**

May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All corrections to current year Curriculum Reports due</li> </ul>
June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOSR Preview 2010 opens with data available on the day after submission</li> <li>• NCLB Qualified Teacher data displayed for district preview</li> </ul>
June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tentative date for adding NeSA-Writing results to SOSR Preview 2010</li> <li>• AYP Math decisions available when NeSA-writing results are added</li> </ul>
June 28 – 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standards Setting for NeSA</li> </ul>
June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due date for submissions in NSSRS and CDC</li> <li>• HOUSSE forms for NCLB Qualified Teachers due</li> </ul>
July 1 – 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AYP Appeals accepted for Math AYP decisions</li> </ul>
July 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Board Meeting to approve the achievement standards for NeSA- Reading</li> <li>• AYP State goals set after submission and approval by U. S. Department of Education</li> </ul>
July 20- 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS system unavailable for scheduled maintenance and upgrades</li> </ul>
August 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Districts receive their own NeSA – Reading results from NDE</li> <li>• AYP Reading decisions added to SOSR Preview 2010*</li> <li>• AYP Appeals accepted for Reading AYP decisions (30 days after posting)*</li> </ul> <p>*Watch for announcements on AYP Reading decisions as this date is tentative</p>
August 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NeSA – Reading results posted on the NDE homepage (initial release will be files with the results for the all students group for all schools and districts)</li> </ul>
August 2 – 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Window for correcting 2009-10 data</li> </ul>
August 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS opens for 2010-11 school year data</li> </ul>
October 16 – November 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS 2009-10 Resubmission window open for drop-out and completer data</li> </ul>
<b>October 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Release of the State of the Schools Report for the 2009-10 school year</b></li> </ul>