

**NDE Bulletin**  
**March 17, 2011**

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

Preliminary breakout session schedule and descriptions for the 2011 State Data Conference are now available. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.education.ne.gov/>

**Standards, Assessment and Accountability Telecast**

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Standards, Assessment and Accountability Update# 7 will be mailed this week and will be posted along with an abbreviated power point on Statewide Assessment website:

[www.education.ne.gov/assessment](http://www.education.ne.gov/assessment) A review of the contents of Update #7 be a telecast on Tuesday March 22 at 10:00 Central: Net SAT 105, State Channel 4. The broadcast will be video streamed within a week of the broadcast.

**2011-12 ESEA/NCLB Consortia Information**

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Information has been emailed to ESUs regarding ESEA/NCLB consortia for the 2011-12 school year. Any district wishing to consort funds for Title I-A, Title II-A, or Title III, must have a signed agreement indicating which program(s) funds will be consorted. Districts and ESUs will be notified when the preliminary district allocations are available for ESEA/NCLB programs that are part of the NCLB Consolidated application. Once this information is entered into the Grants Management System (GMS), changes **cannot** be made so it is imperative that NDE has the most accurate data possible. **Consortia information is due to NDE by May 1, 2011.**

As of today, there is still no federal budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year. This budget determines the amount of funds that would be allocated in July 2011 for the 2011-12 school year. While this uncertainty makes planning more difficult, the Title I, Part A legislation includes a hold harmless provision for districts that remain eligible. The hold harmless provision is 85% of the previous year's allocation.

**National Student Clearinghouse Data – Follow-up to last week's bulletin**

Information regarding the National Student Clearinghouse "StudentTracker" resource can be found at the following website: <http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/nsc.htm>.

**Districts that have NOT utilized the StudentTracker system in the past** will need to establish an "account" with the National Student Clearinghouse. To utilize the StudentTracker system free of charge under the Nebraska Department of Education's existing agreement, simply sign and return the [agreement](http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/NSC/NebrStudentTrackeragreement.pdf) (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nce/NSC/NebrStudentTrackeragreement.pdf>) to the National Student Clearinghouse. (Note: this agreement does not require a district fee – rather, you are signing up for service under the existing NDE contract) Once they receive your signed agreement, NSC will contact you about obtaining user names and passwords for your staff and implementing your StudentTracker for Outreach Web access. For more information, contact the National Student Clearinghouse directly at **703-742-4200** or [service@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:service@studentclearinghouse.org).

For the purpose of NSSRS reporting for Career Education Concentrators, districts should reference the “Career Education - Post School Survey Reports: Completers with Diploma” verification report in NSSRS Validation. After changing years to “2010-06-30”, this report provides a complete list of students from your district that were Career Education Concentrators graduating in the previous school year. This group of students should be submitted to the National Student Clearinghouse for identifying information regarding their Post Graduate Activity. For assistance retrieving this report, please contact the NDE Portal Help Desk by calling toll free at 888-285-0556 or 402-471-3151. You can also send an email to [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov).

To ensure free access, districts must complete use of the StudentTracker process before the expiration of the current contract – March 31, 2011.

**For Districts that have previously utilized the StudentTracker** under the Nebraska Department of Education’s existing agreement, simply complete use of the StudentTracker process before the expiration of the current contract – March 31, 2011.