

**NDE Bulletin**  
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**2012 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive Grant**

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The 2012 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Competitive Grant became available in the grants management system (GMS tab in the NDE Portal) on May 2, 2011. This application is due to NDE June 30, 2011.

**Highly Mobile Student Verification Reports Now Available**

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NSSRS Validation now provides three Highly Mobile verification reports. These reports provide unduplicated list of all students, in kindergarten through grade 12, considered to be highly mobile reported at the district and school building level and school level reports that identify students by (a) intra-state transfers; (b) first time entrees; and (c) re-enrollees.

A Highly Mobile Student is any student who enrolls in two or more schools during an academic year. If a student's initial enrollment for the year is after the State's official membership day (last Friday in September), it is assumed that this enrollment represents the second school enrollment occurrence for the school year.

Student achievement for students who are highly mobile will be reported annually as part of the State of the Schools report and will be included in the information displayed in the Data Reporting System. For purposes of identifying students who are highly mobile, data concerning student enrollment will be extracted from information submitted by school district to the Department using NSSRS student enrollment templates. School enrollment data for individual students will consider only information from the official enrollment day (last Friday in September) until the end of the regular school year.

The "Highly Mobile Student Definition" is available within the Program-specific Information section of the NSSRS Resources page ([http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Program\\_Specific\\_Information](http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Program_Specific_Information)). Also, the "Highly Mobile Students" handout from the 2011 State Data Conference session is available along with other conference materials on the "2011 Data Conference Materials" web page ([http://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/2011\\_Data\\_Conf.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/2011_Data_Conf.html)).

**School Improvement Grants Waiver**

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NDE is applying for a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education to allow any local educational agency (LEA) in the State that receives a School Improvement Grant to use those funds for an extended period of availability through September 30, 2014. The application process requires public notice and an opportunity for members of the public to comment. Comments on the proposed waiver to allow an LEA receiving a School Improvement Grant should be submitted via email to [randy.mcintyre@nebraska.gov](mailto:randy.mcintyre@nebraska.gov) by 5:00 p.m. (Central) on June 1, 2011.

Information on the waiver request is posted on the ARRA website at:

[http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/School\\_Improvement\\_Grants.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/School_Improvement_Grants.html)

This site also contains links to the USDE Guidance on School Improvement Grants and the ARRA School Improvement Grant (State) Application.