

NDE Bulletin May 20, 2010

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Save the Date! 2011 Nebraska Data Conference - April 18 & 19, 2011

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

The **2011** Nebraska Data Conference will be held at the Kearney Holiday Inn on April 18 & 19, 2011. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's data conference, which was attended by over 425 people. Presentations from this year's data conference will soon be posted on the conference website (<http://nedatapartnership.org/>) and videos of selected sessions will be available on the NSSRS Videos web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Videos.htm>). Feedback regarding the conference can be sent to the NDE Helpdesk (nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov).

Title I Annual Participation Report (in the CDC) Due June 30, 2010

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

The Title I Annual Participation Report (APR) is no longer submitted on paper, but rather is submitted through the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC). There are 4 parts to the report. Be sure to complete each part. When data for each part has been entered, you may want to select "View Summary Report," to see a summary of what was submitted for the APR.

NOTE: Only the person who is designated as District Administrator for the Title I Annual Participation Collection in the CDC will see the **Approve** button in the box below the **Submit** button. The District Administrator can **Submit** and **Approve** the collection.

Instructional Unit 2009-10 Corrections

Contact: Accreditation and School Improvement (402-471-2444)

The School Instructional Unit Program Report for 2009-10 was mailed May 5. The open window to make corrections to the Curriculum Report will close May 28. If you have any questions regarding corrections to your Instructional Unit Program Report, please contact Accreditation and School Improvement at 402-471-2444.

NSSRS Validation: New Verification Report for STARS Assessments

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

A new verification report titled "Students Reported as Not Assessed on All STARS Standards" is now available to districts via the NSSRS Validation website. After STARS Math and/or STARS Science performance data has been submitted via NSSRS Data Manager, this report will list all students reported by the district with a Performance Level Code [Assessment Response: Achievement Level (13)] of "N" (Not Assessed) for all Math or Science STARS standards. District staff can verify accurate data was

provided by ensuring each student listed was indeed not assessed on all standards for the subject specified.

NSSRS Validation: Two New Validation Errors for Expected Graduation Year (Cohort Year)

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

Two new NSSRS validation errors related to a student's Expected Graduation Year will be implemented on Tuesday, May 25. NSSRS Validation #432 will identify students having a "Student" template containing an Expected Graduation Year that does not match the Cohort Year determined by NDE. The NDE "Cohort Determination" process executes each evening and assigns a Cohort Year to each student, which becomes the statewide Nebraska cohort to which a student is assigned. NSSRS Validation #433 is similar to validation #432 except it validates the Expected Graduation Year appearing on a "Student Snapshot" template. Corrections to 2009-2010 "Student" templates can be submitted anytime during the NSSRS Year-end collection, which ends June 30. Please contact the NDE Helpdesk if corrections to the 2009-2010 October Student Snapshot, or to data for a prior school year, are necessary.

REMINDERS

NCLB HOUSSE

Contact: Pat Madsen (402-471-4863 or pat.madsen@nebraska.gov)

The 2009-2010 NCLB Non Qualified Staff Report is open and available for your review in the Portal, NSSRS Student and Staff tab, under NSSRS Validation. This is a Verification Report titled "NCLB Non Qualified." **This report replaces the NCLB Not Qualified paper report districts received in September, which will no longer be mailed out by NDE.** Please take this opportunity to correct any staff assignment errors in NSSRS, and check that your district's information is correct (i.e. HOUSSE approvals, EECIA testing, etc.). Changes made for NCLB purposes might also impact district status related to Rule 10 Approval and Accreditation, please be mindful of that as you make corrections. **Corrections to the Curriculum report must be completed by May 28, 2010.** As you review the NCLB Non Qualified report, a message that states, "There is no data available that meets this criteria," indicates your staff is considered 100% NCLB-Qualified for 2009-2010. Thank you for your hard work!

NCLB Qualified Information and Instructions is available at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/nclbqualifiedteachers.htm>

HOUSSE applications may be submitted now through June 30, 2010 to impact 2009-2010 data.

NeSA Student Subgroup Corrections & NSSRS

Contact: Pat Roschewski (402-471-2495 or pat.roschewski@nebraska.gov)

Subgroups for NeSA-Reading and NeSA-Writing will be determined based on the NSSRS Student template submitted during the NSSRS Year-end collection, which closes June 30, 2010. These subgroups include: English Language Learners, Special Education, Free/Reduced-price Lunch Eligibility, and Race/Ethnicity. NSSRS Validation provides many verification reports and lookup tools to verify accuracy of subgroup designations. Please contact the NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) for assistance with NSSRS Validation reports and lookup tools.

