

ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

ARRA/NCLB Update

The next ARRA/NCLB Update will be telecast on June 9th at 10:00 a.m. (Central) on NET*SAT 105 and state channel 04. The telecast will last no more than one hour. For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast will be posted by June 6th on the NDE homepage under ARRA and on the “Federal Programs - NCLB” on the NDE homepage under NCLB Updates at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nclbupdates/index.htm> A video of the telecast can be downloaded from either of the above locations. A DVD will be sent to all ESUs by the following week. This telecast will focus primarily on the ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application for Title I, Part A.

ARRA Applications

- The Title I ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application is now open and is due June 26, 2009.
- ARRA IDEA Applications and ARRA McKinney Homeless Education Applications are also open now.

State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Preview

Preview: State of the Schools Report 2008-09 is now available through the Portal under Data Collections. Data from all of the templates submitted in the Spring (due by June 30) through the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS) and the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) will be processed overnight and display on the new SOSR Preview site the next day. This will include AYP decisions as of June 1. Districts are encouraged to preview their data as it is being submitted and, if there are changes needed, to resubmit the data prior to June 30. The SOSR Preview site will remain open continuously until the middle of November.

NSSRS

New NSSRS Verification Report

The new “5th Year ELL And 5th, 6th & 7th Year Special Education Completers - Included in AYP Graduation Rate” NSSRS Verification is now available. This report enables district staff to identify the “extended-year” students that will be automatically included in the 2007-2008 graduation rate that is used by the AYP process.

High Ability Learners

All districts are required to report the students identified as high ability learners in NSSRS Student template High Ability Learner Eligibility [Student: Gifted Eligibility Code (129) regardless if they plan to apply for funding or not. Funding for the High-Ability Learning (HAL) program depends upon the accuracy of the information provided by each school district. **It is important that each district enter correct HAL data in NSSRS by June 30, 2009. After that date, any corrections will have to be submitted and approved by Mary Duffy.**

The NSSRS student template fields used for the High-Ability Learning program:

- **High Ability Learner Participant [Student: Gifted and Talented (80)]**
- **High Ability Learner Eligibility [Student: Gifted Eligibility Code (129)]**

Another data element that is used in the High-Ability Learning program is Honors or Advanced Placement [Student: Honors Program (79)]. This data element is **not** collected exclusively for the HAL program. In the past, the count of HAL eligible students taking honors or advanced placement courses was collected on the High-Ability Learner Education Funding Year-End Report. NDE will extract this count using High Ability Learner Eligibility [Student: Gifted Eligibility Code (129)] = 1 (yes) and Honors or Advanced Placement [Student: Honors Program (79)] = 1 (yes).

REAP SRSA

A new file of NE REAP SRSA Draw-Down of funds still available has been posted as Featured Documents at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>

The REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA) eligibility list is posted at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligible09/index.html> Districts that are highlighted in yellow must apply. The U. S. Department of Education will be contacting districts that need to apply. Nebraska's contact at the USDE REAP office is Robert.Hitchcock@ed.gov or (202)-260-1472.