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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

ARRA Title I, Part A

Final allocations for ARRA Title I, Part A and preliminary allocations NCLB Title I, Part A are now available on the NDE homepage at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/> We have not yet received the final allocations for NCLB Title I, Part A. The preliminary amounts do include the increase of almost 7 million in additional NCLB Title I funds for Nebraska.

Nonpublic School Participation Forms for 2009-10

The Nonpublic School Participation Forms for 2009-10 are due on May 1, 2009. One form is being used for the required consultation for both ARRA Title I and NCLB Title I funds.

ARRA Telecast

There will be a telecast on May 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.(Central) on NET*SAT 105 and state channel 04. The agenda will include the ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application for Title I, Part A. More details will be coming in the next Bulletin.

Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS)

Early Childhood and the NSSRS Student Summary Attendance Template

Effective immediately, districts are not required to submit Student Summary Attendance records for students receiving only home-based Early Childhood Special Education services. Districts must submit Student Summary Attendance records for all students participating in one of the following programs. Students participating in any of these programs must also be included in the Programs Fact template for Early Childhood.

- NDE Grant Funded Early Childhood Education Program
- Qualified NDE Grant Funded Early Childhood Education Program
- NDE Approved Early Childhood Education Program
- Qualified NDE Approved Early Childhood Education Program
- Early Childhood Birth to Age 3 Endowment Grant Program

New “Student Lookups” in NSSRS Validation

Two new “Student Lookups” are now available on the NSSRS Validation home page, one for “Programs Fact” and one for “Special Education Snapshot”. Both operate similar to the “Student (by demographics)” and “Student Summary Attendance” lookups.

Consolidated Data Collection (CDC): Report of Suspensions/Expulsions

The “Report of Suspensions/Expulsions” has changed for 2008-09 and will be open between May 1 and June 30. The only change for nonpublic systems is that this data will be submitted via the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC). In addition to reporting via the CDC, public districts will now report student and incident counts for each discipline reason as well as student counts with firearms by grade. Additionally, public districts are no longer required to report counts by Criminal Statute. Please refer to either the public district or nonpublic system versions of the “Report of Suspensions/Expulsions” CDC instructions available on the NSSRS Documents page (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm>) for details. This collection will be the focus of a session titled “Suspensions/Expulsions...It’s New” at the Nebraska State Data Conference (<http://nedatapartnership.org>).

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Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Instructions

The instructions for each collection within the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) are now available both on the NSSRS Documents page (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm>) as well as within the CDC system.

State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Data Submission Timeline

To provide districts with an opportunity to see how their data will appear on the State of the School Report, a new SOSR Preview site has been developed. 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 soon as the writing results are available. The SOSR Preview site will be accessed through the Portal and not available to the public. It will remain open continuously until the middle of November.

The addition of SOSR Preview changes the process for reviewing and resubmission of data. Written Requests to Change Data or AYP Appeals are to be submitted during July. This change in timeline provides districts their preliminary AYP status (identified school improvement) for Title I buildings and districts well in advance of the start of the school year as required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

June 1 – June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new SOSR Preview will be available• Districts can preview data the day after it is submitted• Districts can resubmit data without NDE approval• AYP results are displayed as soon as the writing results are available (hopefully before June 30)• NDE program staff begin auditing data that is submitted
June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due date for all data submissions in NSSRS and CDC
July 1 – July 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Districts review data, including AYP decisions, on the SOSR• District submit AYP Appeals and Requests to Change Data• NDE approves Appeals and Requests• NDE staff audit data and contact districts that need to change data or submit data• NSSRS is closed to districts (upgrades installed)
August 3 – August 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSSRS open to districts to resubmit data related to approved Requests to Change Data
August 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSSRS opens for submission of Fall 2009-10 data
October 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOSR is open to the public with AYP results but no NCLB qualified teacher data
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCLB Qualified data is available on the SOSR Preview site• Districts submit Requests to Change Data if needed
November 2 - 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSSRS is open for submission of 2008-09 data for dropouts
November 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCLB Qualified Data is added to the public SOSR (the SOSR Preview is closed)

Reminder:

Data Conference

You can register on-line now for the Data Partnership Conference (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/>) to be held in Kearney on April 30 – May 1, 2009. This link also provides a list of all breakout sessions under the "Schedule of Events".

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