

NDE Bulletin
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NSSRS “2009-10 Resubmission” Window Closes November 10

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Districts may submit the following templates for 2009-2010 until **November 10, 2010**.

- **School Enrollment** (2009-2010 Dropouts)
- **Year-end Special Education Snapshot** (for the purpose of providing Exit Reason values that match Enrollment Code values provided on the School Enrollment template)
- **Title I Programs** (for students served by Title I during summer 2010 who were not already reported during the regular school year)

NSSRS Validation: “Graduation Cohort Analysis” Tool - Available Friday, November 5, 2010

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The State of the Schools Report for the 2010-11 school year will include Cohort Graduation data reported by school and the NCLB required subgroups. In the 2011-12 school year, the Cohort Graduation data will be used for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) decisions. NDE has designed the Graduation Cohort Analysis Tool and Expected Graduation Lookup Tool to assist districts in ensuring their data is accurate.

The “Graduation Cohort Analysis” tool will be found in Portal in the NSSRS Validation system. This tool provides Graduation Cohort information at the district and school level based on the NSSRS School Enrollment template. This tool also highlights certain NSSRS validation errors/warnings and other unresolved issues. Districts are encouraged to review the list of students in each Graduation Cohort to ensure accurate graduate rate calculations.

The “Expected Graduation Lookup” tool provides the Nebraska Cohort Graduation Year for a particular student. Documents describing the Graduation Cohort Year and Graduation Cohort business rules and quick reference guides are available on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>).

Consolidated Data Collection

CDC: Instructions for Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection

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The instructions for the “Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection” have been updated to include new FAQs. **Districts are encouraged to download the updated instruction manual** from <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm> in the “Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Instructions” section. The collection will open November 1 and is due November 10.

NCLB Consolidated Application

2009-10 NCLB Closeout

A number of districts/ESUs have not completed Final Reimbursement Requests in the Grants Management System (GMS). A significant number of those districts/ESUs still have not requested reimbursement of carryover funds. We have been informed by the U. S. Department of Education that

the drawdown of all payments will be shut down for approximately 10 days in December. It is important that if your district/ESU still has not requested reimbursement for those programs having carryover, a Final Request be submitted immediately. With holidays, school closings and time required to process and approve Final Requests, payment of carryover funds could be jeopardized if payments are not processed in November. Financial Services staff will be working with districts/ESUs to get Finals submitted in GMS.

Grant Management Guidance

The NDE [State and Federal Grant Management Guidance and Requirements](#) (October 2010) has been updated and posted on the NDE Homepage at:

http://www.education.ne.gov/gms2/pdf/GMS_Guidance_October_2010.pdf Districts, ESUs and other agencies need to have and use appropriate policies and procedures for managing funds as reporting requirements and auditing activities seems to be increasing at both state and federal levels.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

The U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued new guidance concerning the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). This law requires NDE (not districts) to report all federal grants of \$25,000 or more awarded after October 1 and all contracts involving federal funds of \$25,000 or more after March 1, 2011. The information will be posted on the USAspending.gov beginning in FY2011.

FYI: U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission EEO-5 Report

The EEO-5 Report, formally known as the Elementary-Secondary Staff Information Report, is a joint requirement of the EEOC and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the U.S. Department of Education. It is conducted biennially, in the even numbered years, and covers all public elementary and secondary school districts with 100 or more employees in the United States. The filing deadline is November 30, 2010.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is offering to allow school districts to report their EEO-5 data "using the categories required by the U.S. Department of Education." To do this the school districts will need to request an exemption from the current EEOC format.

Visit the following websites for more information: Information on the form:

<http://eeoc.gov/employers/reporting.cfm> How to request an exemption:

<http://www.eeoc.gov/employers/eo5survey/e5procedures.cfm>