

NDE Bulletin
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Data Reporting System Now Available at drs.education.ne.gov

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The NDE Data Reporting System (DRS) integrates data from various collection systems for longitudinal analysis and reporting using modern business intelligence technologies. The “public” DRS is now available at drs.education.ne.gov. The public DRS presents statewide, masked student data for Student Characteristics, Career Education, Early Childhood Education, Federal Accountability, Special Education, and State Assessment. Education Staff and District/School Information data are presented both at the state and district levels.

For each category of information, three tools distinguish the DRS from the State of the Schools Report: Quick Facts, Guided Inquiry, and Advanced Inquiry. **Quick Facts** are preformatted reports, many of which will be familiar and have been published for many years. **Guided Inquiry** provides flexibility to customize a report using easy-to-use drop-down list filters. **Advanced Inquiry**, the most unique DRS feature, combines drop-down lists with the ability to right-click on charts to “Drill Down to...” various dimensions (e.g., ethnicity, grade, eligibility for various programs), which vary by subject area, to create truly ad hoc reports.

Another version of the DRS, referred to as **DRS Secure**, will become available later in 2010. DRS Secure will present unmasked student data but only for a particular district. Access to DRS Secure will be controlled via the NDE Portal so district administrators will be able to grant access to individuals as appropriate.

The DRS represents the next step in longitudinal analysis of education data. Be sure to visit the DRS Training Center (<http://drs.education.ne.gov/trainingcenter>) to learn more about how to use this new reporting tool.

REMINDERS

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)

CDC: Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection Due November 10

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The October "Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection" is due November 10. Districts are encouraged to download the instruction manual from <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm> in the "Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Instructions" section.