

NDE Bulletin
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AYP Alert – ANOTHER Change

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The final review and approval of the AYP process for Very Small Schools by the U. S. Department of Education has produced yet another change. Until the changes explained below are implemented, the AYP pages in the Preview: State of the Schools Report 2009-10 have been turned off. We expect to be ready with the new results by early next week. The date for the release of the AYP Decisions is still set for October 13, 2010 when the State of the Schools Report is opened to the public.

A Very Small School is any district (without multiple schools at the same grade span) that has any grade span or school with no groups of 30. In these districts, the data from all grades will be aggregated and the NeSA State AYP goal for the grade span contributing the greatest number of students to the aggregated data will be used for AYP decisions. The AYP decisions will be applied to all grade spans.

This does not change the new process for districts with multiple small schools at the same grade span. We will apply the district level AYP decision for that grade span to all of these small schools.

Fall Personnel Due September 15

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

State statute requires public districts and nonpublic systems to submit Fall Personnel by September 15. Revisions to Staff Snapshot and Staff Assignment templates for Fall Personnel reporting will be accepted through October 29, 2010.

NSSRS Documents: Updated Instructions

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Updated versions of two documents are now available on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>):

1. "NSSRS Uniq-ID Student Batch File Layout" within the Nebraska Uniq-ID System section.
2. "Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection" within the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Instructions section, which now includes examples, frequently asked questions, and screen images of the actual CDC collection.

ARRA 1512 Reporting (Opening September 15; Due October 5/CDC Collection)

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Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district, ESU or School Food Authority) through an ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program NDE Portal - Consolidated Data Collections (CDC) at <http://portal.education.ne.gov/>.

ARRA Section 1512 Reporting for the quarter ending on September 30 will open on September 15 and will remain open for submissions through October 5, 2010. Every sub-recipient must complete the reporting requirements, even if there has not been any payment(s) received or new jobs

saved/retained. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement will put the sub-recipients out of compliance and jeopardize receipt of all federal funds until the next reporting period. The Department has developed Frequently Asked Questions located at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/PDF/ARRA%20JobsAccountabilityActQA.pdf>.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) information must be updated at least once a year and is a requirement for receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and reporting for Section 1512 of ARRA. Please check your registration to ensure that it has not expired or will not expire this year. You may check the status of your registration at <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

Contact Ron Theasmeyer at (402) 471-3570 or ron.theasmeyer@nebraska.gov, or Bryce Wilson at (402) 471-3323 or bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov.

The SFSF Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2010. An SFSF Application is not complete and cannot be approved until NDE has received a printed version of the assurances (from the application) that has been signed by the Superintendent and the President of the School Board. The printed version of the assurances must be mailed to the Commissioner of Education, P. O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987.