

NDE Bulletin
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AYP and PLAS Updates

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NOTE: AYP decisions have been recalculated since they first appeared on the State of the Schools Report Preview 2009-10 yesterday. An incorrect figure was used for the State AYP Goal for Elementary Grades NeSA Reading. This error should be to your favor!

PLAS – The list of persistently lowest-achieving schools (PLAS) will not be created for a couple weeks. Districts need time to review their AYP results and submit questions. (We do encourage questions as this was how the incorrect figure noted above was identified!) Our goal remains to provide the list of PLAS to the districts on the State of the Schools Report Preview 2009-2010 before the information is released to the public. The AYP Guidance for 2009-10 is found at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/AssessmentReporting.htm>. Question D-3 describes the new AYP process for Very Small Schools. The PLAS selection process is found at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/PLAS.html>

Teacher and Principal Evaluation Survey

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As required by the ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds assurances, the results of the Teacher and Principal Evaluation surveys submitted last Spring are now posted on the ARRA website at:

https://cdc.education.ne.gov/SFSF/Reports/SFSF_PUBLIC_Reports.aspx There is a summary report for the State and a report for each district.

ARRA Grant Recipients

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NOTE: The next Section 1512 Reports will be due in October. Be sure to update your CCR!

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>

Reminders:

CDC: Instructions for Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection Now Available

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The instructions for the “Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection” are now available in the “Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Instructions” section on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>). The first due date for this collection is October 10, 2010 and the instructions describe the required data elements.

Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)

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REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA) Draw Down information for Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 is available at NDE's Federal Program Website:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/index.htm> The spreadsheets can be found in the "Featured Documents" section. **FY 2008 funds expire September 30, 2010.** As of this week a total of **\$736,058.70 in funds remains available for use from FY 2008.** 26 districts have not claimed any of their allocations and an additional 21 have claimed only a portion.

The REAP grant allocations for 2010-11 are not yet available. When they are determined, you will receive a notice from the US Department of Education and the amounts will be posted on the REAP website at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/awards.html>. For budgeting purposes, the amount of funds available nationally was the same as for 2009-10.

NSSRS Data Manager: "Notice of Data Rediscovery"

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

The NSSRS opened on August 13th for the 2010-11 data submissions. Prior to submitting 2010-11 data, a district's "District Approve" user must indicate understanding of data rediscovery requirements, which require NDE to make data submitted available to Nebraska postsecondary institutions under the new law (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 79-776), and to other districts where a student intends to enroll*. An NSSRS user should click on the button that says "Close this Window" after reading it the first time. The "District Approve" (district superintendent) user indicates understanding by clicking the "I Understand" button prior to any submissions. All users will be presented with a notice of data rediscovery the first time logging into NSSRS Data Manager each day and must click the "I Understand" button in order to gain access to this system.

The new splash screen is the notification required under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Even though the P-16 data system is not yet developed, FERPA requires advance notification. When the P-16 data system is fully implemented, if anyone wishes to use PK-12 data for approved research, districts will again receive notification.

*The Enrollment Lookup by NDE Student ID will be modified to allow any authorized user to look-up a new student upon enrollment. This previously was only available after a Student template had been submitted for a particular student.

Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Collections Opening August 23

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The following Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) 2010-2011 collections open Monday, August 23.

- Elementary Class Size (Fall collection)
- Elementary Site Allowance
- Summer School Student Unit
- Assessed Valuation and Levies
- Two-Year New School Adjustment Application
- Student Growth Adjustment
- Instructional Time