

NDE Bulletin

September 30, 2010

The PLAS list will not be displayed until next week. There will be separate NDE Bulletin announcing when the identified schools information will be posted on the Preview: State of the Schools Report 2009-10.

Change to 2010-2011 Student Grades and Curriculum Reporting

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-2556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Based on district feedback, changes were made to the 2010-2011 reporting requirements for the NSSRS Student Grades template and NDE Curriculum Reporting System. The requirement to connect students to teachers will be accomplished by collecting Staff ID on the Student Grades template and Section Codes will not be collected within the Curriculum system. Student Grades data will be compared to courses reported in the Curriculum Reporting System. Please refer to NSSRS Student templates instruction manual version 5.3.0 (dated September 30, 2010) on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>) and the Curriculum Reporting System Instruction Manual (http://www.education.ne.gov/DataServices/2010_2011Curriculum_Report.htm) for details.

CDC: Human Resources Director Contacts

Contact: Kevin Peters (402-471-0739 or kevin.peters@nebraska.gov)

NDE will begin using the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) to compile certain contact lists. The first such list will be of "Human Resources" contacts, to include name, phone number, and email address. Individuals on this list will receive email notices regarding teacher and administrative certificates, evaluation systems, surveys, and data.

NEW REPORT: Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection - Opens Oct. 1 and Closes Oct. 10

Contact: Jill Aurand (402-471-3321 or jill.aurand@nebraska.gov)

The "Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection" opens October 1 and is due October 10. Instructions for this collection are in the "Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Instructions" (updated 9/29/2010) section on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>), which now include additional examples, screen prints, and frequently asked questions. The Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection is found in the Portal under the Consolidated Data Collection.

Reminders:

State of the Schools Report

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Staff Salary Clarification for Public Districts and Special Purpose Schools

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Please review page 10 of the Staff Template Instruction Manual when reporting salary information on staff. Changes were made in 2008-2009 that were not noted in the “change summary”. To be sure all districts noticed the changes and are reporting consistently, see below:

- Base Salary includes Gross pay for the district-wide FTE assignment before deductions.

From 2003-04 to 2007-08 the Employees contributions to Sec 125, 403(b) or any other tax deferred deductions was included in Base Salary. This has been moved to Benefits.

- Benefits include the Employee's share of retirement, deferred compensation or Medicaid if paid by the district.

Added in 2008-2009

- Benefits include the Employers share of retirement, FICA and Medicare

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