District Data Collection Group Notes

4/18/2013

**GRADE: The alpha grade is not meaningful for the district or state use.**

This will not change for 2013-2014. Most districts felt that NDE should continue to use the alpha grade.

**Determining a Class: Current data is not useful in determining a class. Districts created a section code meaningful to them and to try to avoid duplicates.**

For Student Grades the districts thought they could implement this change for 2013-2014 with the vendor assistance. Kearney thought this was available for Power School users currently. Districts created a section code to try to eliminate duplicate records. Adding additional options for Semester Code would help.

Proposal after district input for semester code:

* + Remove Semester codes: 0,1,2,3, 4
	+ Add S1, S2, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, T1, T2, T3, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, YL, SS
		- T is for trimester
		- H is for Hexster
		- YL is for Year-long
		- SS is for Summer School

Pam will work with Millard, ESU3 and Kearney to define H and T.

Other discussion on this topic was related to identifying year-long classes which will be necessary for Instructional Units. Using Student Grades for instructional units will not be possible for 2013-2014. There will be continued discussion on this topic with the DDCG and NDE for 2014-2015 possibly implementing an additional template to gather the information to determine instructional units by course code.

Next meeting date: **May 22nd** due to some additional conflicts for NDE staff. After this meeting we will not meet in June and July and resume meetings in August.

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