



# NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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## **\$1.8 MILLION AWARDED IN STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT (SSAE) GRANTS**

The State Board of Education voted unanimously to award grants to 11 schools totaling \$1,843,000. The schools earned the funds through a competitive grant process. The U.S. Department of Education Title IV grants will help fund student support and academic enrichment project. Grant winning schools focused on projects that provide well-rounded educational opportunities, safe and healthy students, and effective use of technology.

### **SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT GRANTS**

## **STATE BOARD APPROVES MODEL POLICY FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS**

The State Board of Education has approved a model policy to help school districts encourage the educational success for pregnant and parenting students in response to a new state law requiring schools to have policies addressing accommodations. The model policy can be adopted by school boards across the state or used as a guide to create individual policies. The model policy requires schools to provide breast feeding or pumping students reasonable space and time, excused absences for healthcare visits, access to missed schoolwork, alternate means to complete course work, and any additional requested accommodations on a case by case basis.

### **MODEL POLICY FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS**

# NEW STANDARDS FOR STS AND AFNR APPROVED

The State Board of Education voted to approve new standards for Skilled and Technical Sciences (STS) and Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR). The revision process started last year with input from educators and business leaders. The standards are aligned with preparation for careers in Nebraska. Although not required by Nebraska Statute, the revision of these content area standards provides a framework for ensuring quality teaching and learning.

The new standards condensed existing programs of study into a more coherent and accessible structure, created standards for each program of study, increased rigor of content reflective of workforce demands, integrated Nebraska's Career Readiness Standards, and increased integration of technology applications. The Nebraska Department of Education will work with schools to implement the new standards.

## SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES STANDARDS

## AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES STANDARDS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building. A work session will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit [www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html](http://www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html).



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