



May 2015

## Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

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### RULE 21 REVISIONS APPROVED

The State Board of Education approved changes to Rule 21, which addresses the certification of individuals to teach, administer or provide special services in Nebraska school systems. See the following attachments for substantive changes:

[Rule 21 Rationale](#)  
[Rule 21 Summary of Changes](#)  
[Rule 21 Hearing Draft](#)  
[Rule 21 Hearing Officer Summary](#)

### DRC CONTRACT

The upcoming contract with Data Recognition Corporation was discussed. The State Board will consider approval in June.

See [DRC Contract Support Materials](#)

### ESEA EQUITY PLAN

A recently revised Equity Plan developed to ensure that poor and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers was presented to the State Board of Education for discussion. The plan must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education by June 1.

See [ESEA Equity Plan Report](#)

### GED TESTING

An official with the national GED testing office presented an overview of the development of the 2014 assessments, Nebraska's results as well as the opportunities provided the state's adults who earn a GED.

See [GED Testing Rationale](#)  
See [GED PowerPoint](#)

### 2015-2016 ACCREDITATION OF ESUs

The State Board approved the accreditation for all 17 Nebraska Educational Service Units for 2015-16.

See [ESU Rationale](#)  
See [List of ESUs](#)

## **INTERIM-PROGRAM SCHOOLS**

The Interim-Program Schools listed in the following attachment were approved to operate during the 2015-16 school year.

See [Interim Program Schools, Rationale](#)

See [List of Interim Program Schools](#)

## **VR CONTRACTS**

Contracts were approved with the University of Nebraska to allow staff to teach Nebraska's Area Agency on Aging staff to screen elderly individuals for traumatic brain injury and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the development of online training modules related to concussion/mild traumatic brain injury.

See [VR/UNL Contract](#)

See [VR/DHHS Contract](#)

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**The State Board of Education will meet June 4-5, 2015.**

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