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## Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

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### State Assessment/Data Recognition Contract

The State Board of Education will contract with Data Recognition Corporation to deliver 2016-17 statewide assessments for grades 3-8 in NeSA reading/English language arts that will include a component of writing in grades 5-8, math and science but discontinue during the coming year statewide writing tests at grades 4, 8 and 11 as well as state tests in reading, math and science tests at grade 11. NDE will issue a request for proposals for NDE to administer a standard college admission test at the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

See [DRC Handouts](#)

See [DRC Contract](#)

### English Language Proficiency Assessment

NDE will contract with the University of California for access to an assessment to meet federal and state English learner assessment requirements.

See [Rationale](#)

See [Board Update](#)

### Framework for School Safety Standards

The State Board of Education accepted recommendations for minimum school safety and security standards to guide and support Nebraska schools as they work to continue to make schools safe and secure for all students.

See [Rationale](#)

See [Safety and Security Standards](#)

### Special Purpose Schools

The State Board of Education approved changes in the waivers of Nebraska's five Special Purpose Schools. Those schools are: Geneva North School, Kearney West High School, Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility in Omaha, Pine Ridge Job Corps in Chadron and the University of Nebraska High School in Lincoln.

See [Rationale](#)

See [Agreements and Support Materials](#)

### **Rule 25 Revised: The Excellence in Teaching Act**

Changes included expanding the eligibility criteria in this loan forgiveness program to allow a graduate course of study leading to an additional endorsement in a teacher shortage area.

See Rule 25 [Rationale](#)

See Rule 25 [Summary](#)

See Rule 25 [Final](#)

### **Accreditation of All Public and Accredited Nonpublic Schools**

The State Board of Education approved the accreditation of schools on the attached list for the 2016-17 school year.

See [Rationale](#)

See [Nebraska Accredited Schools List](#)

### **Accreditation of Approved Schools**

Two Nebraska schools — Nebraska Christian Schools in Central City and Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk — were classified as approved schools under Rule 10 for the 2016-17 school year.

See [Rationale](#)

### **REPORT ON RULES**

Revisions to Rules 1, 13, 2, 51, 83 and 24 were approved by the Governor.

See [Report on Rules](#)

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit <http://www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html>. The State Board of Education will meet August 4-5, 2016.

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