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STATE BOARD APPROVES PRIORITY SCHOOL PROGRESS PLANS

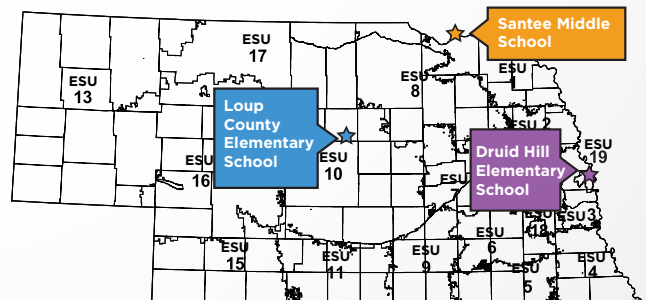
In 2014 the Nebraska State Legislature approved Statute 79-760.06 that requires the State Board of Education to establish levels of performance for all public school buildings and districts based on data starting with the school year 2014-15. The Nebraska system, Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT), classifies schools and districts into four performance levels of excellent, great, good, and needs improvement. Based on such classification, no more than three schools are to be designated as priority schools from the needs improvement classification level. Loup County Elementary School in the Loup County Public School District, Druid Hill Elementary School in the Omaha Public School District, and Santee Middle School in the Santee Community School District have been designated as priority schools.

For each building designated as a priority school, an intervention team composed of up to five people, who have education experience specific to issues that negatively affect student achievement, work collaboratively with school staff, administration, and the school board that has control of the priority school. From this collaboration, a progress plan was developed. All three priority school progress plans were approved by the State Board of Education at the August board meeting. Each progress plan includes specific actions to be implemented and achieved by the school and district in order to remove its designation as a priority school.

Druid Hill Progress Plan

Loup County Progress Plan

Santee Progress Plan



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RULE 4: ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOK LOAN REVISIONS

The State Board of Education voted to adopt the proposed revisions to Rule 4, Regulations for Textbook Loans to Children Enrolled in Private Schools in Nebraska.

Rule 4 Rationale

Rule 4 Hearing Draft

Rule 4 Hearing Summary

RULE 11: APPROVAL OF PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Two hundred eleven districts and Educational Service Units (ESUs) were approved under Rule 11, Regulations for The Approval of Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards or Educational Service Units and for the Issuance of Early Childhood Education Grants, for the 2016-17 school year. This is an increase from four in the 2015-16 school year.

List of approved prekindergarten programs

EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

The State Board of Education approved educator preparation programs in Nebraska colleges and universities for the 2016-17 school year. The list of Nebraska postsecondary institutions seeking program approval, along with the endorsements offered by each institution, can be found using the link below.

Nebraska educator preparation programs

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, September 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building. A work session will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html.



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