

LB 1103 – Goals/Objectives—Basis for October, 2014 NE Legislative Public Hearings

Goal 1: Provide quality educational opportunities that engage and prepare Nebraskans for success in learning.

- 1) By 20__, for at least the school year prior to kindergarten, every child will have equitable access to high-quality and developmentally appropriate preschool programs that help prepare them for school.
- 2) By 20__, children from backgrounds that put them at greater risk will have access to additional early childhood educational opportunities.
- 3) By 20__, all children in grades K-12 will have equitable access to high-quality educational opportunities that will, to the extent possible, prepare them to be college, career, or job ready when they graduate from high school.
- 4) By 20__, all high school graduates will have equitable and affordable access to high-quality postsecondary educational opportunities.

Goal 2: Establish high expectations for all educators, parents, students and educational institutions.

- 1) By 20__, increase the percentage of students who meet the performance standard in all grades tested in reading, writing, and math and reduce the gaps in such percentages among demographic groups.
- 2) By 20__, see an increase in the overall high school graduation rate and reduce the gaps in such rates among demographic groups.
- 3) By 20__, provide an opportunity for all public high school students to take the college entrance exam most commonly used in our state.
- 4) By 20__, significantly increase the number of students who meet the college readiness benchmarks in all subject areas set by that college entrance exam.
- 5) By 20__, increase the percentage of high school graduates pursuing postsecondary education and reduce the gaps in such percentages among demographic groups.
- 6) By 20__, increase the percentage of postsecondary education students who complete their program of study within the expected degree completion period and reduce the gaps in such percentages among demographic groups.
- 7) By 20__, create systems of support for parents to assist their children with educational expectations.

Goal 3: Create positive, safe and successful learning environments.

- 1) By 20__, all school districts and public postsecondary institutions will have safe and secure facilities with positive learning environments.
- 2) By 20__, all school districts and public postsecondary institutions will have strong policies that prohibit any type of harassment or bullying.
- 3) By 20__, support developmentally appropriate continuing education for teachers, instructors, and professors designed to enhance student learning.

Goal 4: Develop collaborative educational relationships with the entire community, including individuals, families, businesses and organizations.

- 1) By 20__, support alignment of educational programs and experiences with workforce needs.
- 2) By 20__, help students and families overcome barriers to education.
- 3) By 20__, increase the shared use of facilities and staff.
- 4) By 20__, build seamless strategies which align objectives throughout a student's educational career.
- 5) By 20__, increase collaborations to bring research-based best practices into educational environments.
- 6) By 20__, increase collaboration between education entities and families to enhance opportunities for student development and success.