

NACTE NOTES-June 8, 2017**UPDATES:**

Reading and Mathematics Instruction. The State Board Legislative Committee members has questioned how NDE Rules address the topics of reading and mathematics instruction in schools PreK through 3rd grade. NDE staff has been asked to provide any specific Rule language that is currently in place regarding this—for educator preparation that will include Rules 20 and 24. Nothing for institutions to do at this point – except to be certain that your programs are strong in these areas and to expect a possible request for specific information about how your program addresses these areas. Much of this was prompted by the State Board Legislative Committee discussions about the need for the NDE to be proactive on legislation, including (1) [LB 651](#) (Linehan) Adopt Nebraska Reading Improvement Act that got placed on General File; and (2) the Interim Study [LR222](#) (Pansing Brooks) Interim study to examine dyslexia and reading literacy in Nebraska to be studied by the Education Committee by January 2018.

1st Year Teacher Survey. The raw data and your institution’s summary report will be sent to the head of teacher education within a few days. Response rate was good – 64%-principals and 59%-teachers.

Rule 24 is approved with an effective date of 8/1/17. Rule 21 is very close (by early next week)?

REMINDERS:

We heard good things about NSEA’s project to support candidates to prepare for the CORE tests. Jay Sears indicates another series will be offered this Fall. www.nsea.org. Search for Praxis.

Current and achieved information regarding the number of completers/candidates by institution, endorsements issued 9/1/15-8/31/16, and Institution Title II Reports is located at:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/TopPages/ForIHE.html>.

Praxis candidate support resources (study plans, curriculum crosswalks, and resource lists) are located at: <https://www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/TopPages/SkillsTesting.html>. New resources are added as they become available.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Administrators’ Days, July 26-28, Kearney. More information, as it becomes available, will be posted to: <https://www.education.ne.gov/>. There is no registration fee for NDE DAY on July 26. Two ‘educator preparation’ proposals were submitted – we have not received confirmation as to if they were accepted. The agenda will provide opportunities to learn more about Nebraska’s changing assessment and accountability expectations and other updates/topics. It is highly recommended that IHE representatives attend this conference.

Fall Continuous Improvement Workshops. Recommended for an in-depth look at NDE initiatives. Preliminary information is in your packet regarding the five sites.

OTHER:

“Standards for Preparing Teachers of Mathematics” was recently released. The standards and executive summary can be found at: www.amte.net.