



# Friday News Blast



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## Clarification regarding the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act (LB1081)

The Nebraska Reading Improvement Act is effective, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. To recognize the needs of some students, the legislative bill sites who is exempt from taking the approved reading assessments.

Sec. 22. (1) For school year 2019-20 and each school year thereafter, each school district shall administer an approved reading assessment three times during the school year to all students in kindergarten through grade three, **except** for any student receiving specialized instruction for limited English proficiency who has been receiving such instruction for less than two years, **any student receiving special education services for whom such assessment would conflict with the individualized education plan**, and any student receiving services under a plan pursuant to the requirements of section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, or Title II of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12131 to 12165, as such acts and sections existed on January 1, 2018, for whom such assessment would conflict with such section 504 or Title II plan. The first administration of such assessment for each such school year shall occur within the first thirty days of the school year.

The Office of Special Education, Nebraska Department of Education, provides the following clarification regarding the exemption of special education students.

- **Any student receiving special education services whose individual education plan includes a statement addressing reading or a significant reading impairment**

### Reminder – Planning Region Team Grant:

The 19-20 PRT grant is due in GMS on August 1, 2019.

Enjoy your weekend,

*Steve and Amy*