



# Nebraska Department of Education

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## High Ability Learning

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### Welcome Back!



It is that time again—a new school year! I hope that you had a fun, relaxing summer. As we embark on the 2022-23 school year, I want to commend you on all of the amazing work that you have been doing and continue to do to serve the students of Nebraska.

There are SO many exciting things going on around the state in the world of high ability. If you have things that are going on in your district or organization that you would like to be highlighted, please shoot me an email! It is always great for the HAL community to stay connected.

As you are going through this newsletter, please pay attention to dates. Due to scheduling conflicts, some of our events have had a change of date. Registration links will also be available!



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## Partnership in Progress: Midland University & NDE



In partnership with Midland University, educators participating in the HAL/MTSS Pilot Project will be receiving 4 graduate credit hours! These hours can be used toward a HAL endorsement, master's degree, or CEUs. A huge thank you to our partners are Midland University for making this possible!

If you are interested in pursuing a HAL Endorsement or taking classes regarding HALs, check out Midland's 12-month program designed and taught by HAL leaders in the state!

As a reminder, your district can use Title funds and HAL funds to pay for teacher endorsements!

For more info, check out [Midland's website!](#)

### Spotlight!

The HAL/MTSS Pilot is officially under way!

We have 10 amazing schools across Nebraska that are welcoming us into their district and working to improve outcomes for HAL students.

A special shoutout goes to our pilot schools:

#### Meadowlark Elementary (KPS)

Nebraska City

Ravenna

Cross County

Elm Creek

Cody-Kilgore

Creek Valley

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge

Wayne Community Schools

Louisville Public Schools

## HAL Family Connect – Fall 2022

**HAL FAMILY  
CONNECT**

CONNECT WITH PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF HAL STUDENTS FOR A CHANCE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES RAISING A HAL CHILD, MEET OTHERS FACING SIMILAR SUCCESS & CHALLENGES, AND MORE!

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 22, 2022  
6:00PM (CST)  
WHERE: ZOOM

REGISTER AT  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/CONNECTFALL22](https://bit.ly/connectfall22)

The Fall 2022 HAL Family Connect date has been set! Join us on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm (CST) to connect with families who have similar experiences—navigating the complexities of having a HAL student.

Parents and families of HAL students face unique challenges in day-to-day life. Having a gifted child not only impacts school, but home life and family



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dynamics as well. Parents of HAL students often do not have an opportunity to connect with other adults who understand what they are going through.

This event is an opportunity to meet other adults who share similar struggles and success associated with HAL students. Through a series of guided breakout rooms, participants will have the opportunity to have open, honest conversations about their experiences with others who get it!

To register, click [here](#).

## HAL Educator Connect CHANGE OF DATE!

The Fall 2022 HAL Educator Connect has been moved to September 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm (CST)!

Join this event to connect with educators across the state and discuss issues regarding supporting HAL students in your districts! Often there is only one HAL person in a district. This forum is an opportunity to meet with others and discuss problems of practice, share ideas, and create a network for HAL educators!

To register, click [here](#).



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