



NDE: Announcements/Reminders from School Finance & Organization Services (September 2026)

Upcoming Due Dates/Dates of Importance

2026 School District Census Report (Opens September 1, NDE Legacy Portal; Due October 15, 2026)

The School District Census Report is now available in the NDE Legacy Portal (<http://portal.education.ne.gov/>). The census report collects the number of children ages 5-18 living within your district's boundaries *as of June 30*. Submissions are due October 15, 2026.

Reminder: Districts must upload their supporting documentation as a single PDF document and the system generated "School District Census Report" will not be accepted as a valid supporting document. Instructions for completing the Census Report are available at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/census-report-instructions/>

Contacts:

- Kelsey Larsen at (402) 450-1418 or kelsey.larsen@nebraska.gov or
- Stephanie DeGroot at (402) 540-0649 or stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov

TEEOSA State Aid Collection (Opens September 1, New Portal, Due October 15, 2026)

The following 6 applications are now available in the TEEOSA State Aid Collection: Assessed Valuation & Levies, Elementary Site Allowance, Estimated Expenditure for LEP & Poverty, Student Growth Adjustment, Summer School Student Unit, and Two-Year New School Adjustment.

Please note: If the district will not be requesting a specific allowance and/or adjustment, please still enter application, choose no, and click submit and approve. Also, if an approver has not been given "Admin rights," they will not see the submit button after they click "Approve Collection." Only persons assigned as "Admin" or "Proxy" will have access to click the "Submit Collection" button.

Contact:

- Michelle Cartwright at (402) 450-0867 or michelle.cartwright@nebraska.gov

Upcoming Due Dates/Dates of Importance (continued)

Expenditure Exclusions Requiring State Board Approval (Due September 14, 2026)

The expenditure exclusions requiring State Board Approval, due dates for succeeding State Board meetings, and template letters will be available on the School District Budgeting webpage at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting-school-district/>.

- Requests for the October 2, 2026 State Board Meeting must be received by September 14, 2026.
- Email exclusion requests to kelsey.larsen@nebraska.gov.

Pupil Transportation Zoom Group Meeting [Monday, September 21, 2026 at 1:00 CT]

- Zoom Meeting Link – <https://educationne.zoom.us/j/91479904574>

Contact:

- Stephanie DeGroot at (402) 540-0649 or stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov

2026/27 School District Budget-Related Information [Due September 30, 2026]

NDE/LC-2 & Other Materials

Materials provided by the Department of Education are available on the FOS/School District Budgeting webpage at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting-school-district/>.

APA/Budget & Other Materials

The materials related to the budget process from the Auditor of Public Accounts are available from the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at https://auditors.nebraska.gov/Budget_Info.html.

Budget & Related Document Submission

Once the "District Approval" button at the bottom of the LC-2 has been clicked, a dialog box appears at the top of the LC-2 with steps to upload the budget documents. The budget documents must be formatted as a pdf; ***submissions by email or sent by mail will not be accepted.***

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 - Kelsey Larsen at (402) 450-1418 or kelsey.larsen@nebraska.gov
 - If you have questions about the NDE Portal or about submitting data online, please contact the NDE Service Desk at nde.servicedesk@nebraska.gov
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Information/Documents Recently Made Available

Rule 13 Exempt (Home) Schools – 2026/27 School Year

The 2026/27 Exempt Schools – School District Report is available via the ADVISER Validation website, located on the NDE Legacy Portal. Once in the ADVISER Validation website, navigate to Verification Reports – Students, click on the Enrollment category, then select the Exempt Schools – School District Report. **For further information, refer to the 08/07/2026 email sent to public school superintendents from nde.exemptschool@nebraska.gov.**

Program Contacts:

- Beth Bolte & Micki Iverson
- Email: nde.exemptschool@nebraska.gov
- Phone: 402/471-0336
- 2026/27 Exempt School – School District Report: ADVISER Validation website, located on the NDE Legacy Portal (<https://portal.education.ne.gov>)
- Exempt School Program website: <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/exempt-schools/>

Students of Caretakers that are Under Investigation for Child Abuse or Neglect

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat 28-711.01 DHHS is required to notify the public school of residency and the Nebraska Department of Education if a student's parents or legal guardian are under investigation. These notifications are being generated and sent from DHHS by email to the Superintendent or designee. The subject of a report for whom a notice has been provided shall not transfer or otherwise disenroll such student from the student's current school for fourteen days after receipt of the notice and any exempt school filing shall be considered invalid during such time period.

If an election is filed in violation of this section or if the resident or school attended by such student receives a request to transfer or disenroll such student DHHS shall be immediately notified at DHHS.PolicyandGuid@nebraska.gov.

This bulletin is sent monthly to ESU administrators, and public school superintendents and business managers. A copy of the most recent bulletin is available on the [FOS website](#). Please forward this email to all appropriate personnel so they are aware of this information.