



Friday News Blast



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PEaK Project Reminders

The 2018-19 PEaK Project closes July 31, 2019. All funds should be used by that time. To close out the 2018-19 PEaK Project, no written report is required, however, the [Final Financial Report](#) is due no later than September 13, 2019.

2019-2020 PEaK Projects

The Office of Special Education has gotten multiple requests to use PEaK Project funds to help in paying for electronic solutions to manage MTSS data. The call has been heard! If you have applied for a PEaK Project for the 2019-2020 school year and would like to amend your budget to allow for the purchase of a data management system for MTSS please submit an amendment form to nde.spedmail@nebraska.gov.

Early Learning Guidelines: Nebraska's Birth to Five Learning and Development Standards

The Early Learning Guidelines: Nebraska's Birth to Five Learning and Development Standards (ELGs) document is an exciting resource to assist early childhood professionals and families with information about supporting the learning and development of young children. The ELGs are based on research and evidence about child development and practices that result in the best outcomes for young children. The document provides information related to seven domains or areas of learning and development:

- Social & Emotional Development
- Approaches to Learning
- Health & Physical Development
- Language & Literacy Development
- Mathematics
- Science
- Creative Arts

Refer to the NDE, Early Childhood Education website for a PDF version of the Early Learning Guidelines and an order form if you would like a hard copy. <https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/early-learning-guidelines/>

Nebraska's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals

Core Competencies are what all adults who work with children need to know, understand, and be able to do. Following this voluntary guide will provide practical, usable and reasonable goals to assist early childhood educators in supporting each child's development and school readiness in any setting or capacity.

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I'm sure all of you are busy as the new school year is about to begin. Many teachers have reported back so I'm sure your schedules are full. Best of luck as things begin. Anxious to see you all soon. Have a great weekend.

Steve and Amy