



Friday News Blast



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Support Services 2019-2020 (Flexible Funding Option) — [APPLICATION OPEN](#) [Due Date: September 27](#)

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Support Services (Flexible Funding Option) projects provide the use of special education funding for the “preventative” support services targeting “students not identified or verified as having a disability... but who demonstrate a need for specially designed assistance in order to benefit from the school’s general education curriculum.”

Support Services -Flex Funding information and applications are available in the Grants Management System (GMS). [NDE GMS Login](#)

ILCD 3.0

Indicators 11 and 12 will be available to complete on ILCD 3.0 hopefully next week. Our Data Research and Analysis team is working on a small glitch in the uploads currently. We will send notification to districts once that is corrected to go in and enter their data. Please contact Robyn Gonzales at robyn.gonzales@nebraska.gov with any questions in the meantime.

Paraeducators: The Link to Meaningful Connections:

NDE is excited to announce the 30th Nebraska Paraeducator Conference. The theme is “Paraeducators, The Link to Meaningful Connections.” Paraeducators are invaluable in building positive relationships with students at every level. They can help teachers with prevention, responses, and effective strategies in building positive interactions throughout the day. In response to student’s challenging social and emotional needs, the conference will focus on information and strategies for paras to utilize to help create success for students. Keynote speaker Heather Robbins will share her expertise on the power of relationships. Please share the attached postcard regarding the November, 19,2019, Paraeducator Conference.

TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD / ADVISER NUMBER REQUIRED

Public School District / ESU

As a reminder, all children birth through kindergarten eligible age, served by a public school district or ESU are required to have an NDE Student ID/ADVISER ID. This identification number must be reported on the child’s Teaching Strategies GOLD profile

within the NSSRS/ADVISED ID field. Please ensure these identification numbers are on every child's record.

To get a list of the NDE Student ID Numbers, please reach out to the ADVISER Data Steward within the school district or ESU.

Head Start

For Head Start Programs who are not affiliated with the public school district, ADVISER Identification Numbers do not need to be created nor entered into the child's Teaching Strategies GOLD profile, unless the child is receiving special education services from the public school district or ESU. If you have a child receiving special education services, please contact the district or ESU who is providing the services to get the child's NDE Student Identification Number/ADVISED ID. This identification number must be listed in the child's Teaching Strategies GOLD profile within the NSSRS/ADVISED ID field.

As children transfer into your program throughout the year, be sure to include the NDE Student ID/ADVISED ID in the child's profile.

All identification numbers are required to be entered within the child's Teaching Strategies GOLD profile by the Fall Deadline of **October 15, 2019**. If you are not the GOLD administrator for your district, please forward this information to the correct individual to ensure this important task is completed by the due date.

For questions regarding the NDE Student ID/ADVISED ID please contact Alyssa Anson, alyssa.anson@nebraska.gov

Upcoming Teaching Strategies GOLD Trainings

11/6/19: North Platte - Key to Responsive Planning:

<https://erecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114899>

11/7/19: Kearney – Using Your Observation to Individualize Instruction for Experienced Users: <https://erecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114908>

11/7/19: Kearney – GOLD for Administrative Support: Interpreting and Using GOLD Data: <https://erecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114915>

11/13/19: Wakefield - Key to Responsive Planning:

<https://erecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114900>

11/14/19: Columbus - Using Your Observation to Individualize Instruction for Experienced Users: <https://erecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114913>

11/14/19: Columbus - GOLD for Administrative Support: Interpreting and Using GOLD Data: <https://erecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114920>

Discipline Report:

18-19 Discipline data is due **October 15th**. This data is submitted through your Student Information System (SIS) into ADVISER. Please review both the Special Education Discipline Report and the Discipline Incidents Detail. You can also look up specific student incidents by Unique ID. Please ensure the necessary people have both Special Education and Discipline activation codes to review this data. If you have questions please contact Robyn Gonzales at robyn.gonzales@nebraska.gov.

October Child Count:

In an effort to accurately make our October 1 child count reporting deadline, we are in need of collaborative data entry with your local districts. We are asking that the PRTs, the services coordination agencies, the ESUs, and the school districts collaborate to ensure that all EDN infants and toddlers are entered into ADVISER. We have historically had discrepancies in the number of infants and toddlers entered into the services coordination CONNECT system, but not in ADVISER. It is vital, for federal reporting purposes, as well as local PRT determinations, that we ensure all infants and toddlers are entered into ADVISER. Please note that while it is important to assign a Unique Identifier to each child, the district must ensure that student demographics and enrollment information is updated in the district's Student Information System (SIS) and all student Special Education information is up to date in either the district's SIS or SRS, whichever the district uses to submit Special Education data to ADVISER on **October 1st**. Please work with your local services coordination agency to reconcile **open and verified** EDN cases to ensure they are entered by the appropriate districts into ADVISER before the deadline. If you have questions, please contact Cole Johnson at cole.johnson@nebraska.gov.

Districts need to ensure all student demographic and enrollment information is updated in the Student Information System (SIS) and all student Special Education information is up to date in either SIS or SRS, whichever you use to submit Special Education data to ADVISER. If errors are found, please work with your SIS to rectify and if you have any questions, please contact Robyn Gonzales at robyn.gonzales@nebraska.gov.

Have a great weekend!

Steve and Amy