

ATTENTION ALL NDE PORTAL USERS:

Please log onto your portal accounts and go to the **My Profile** tab and check to make sure your contact information (**especially the email address**) is up to date. It is very important to keep this information updated as the Department of Education uses the email address that is in the users' Portal account to send vital information. Thank you!!



NEW! NDE Bulletin Notification System

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org or 888-285-0556)

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is pleased to introduce the NEW! NDE Bulletin system, used to communicate pertinent information about data collection deadlines, grant opportunities, accountability and accreditation information, and more. The NEW! system will work similarly to a newsletter subscription service (like MailChimp or Constant Contact), allowing recipients to self-select their categories of interest and update notification preferences. In addition, all active and relevant bulletin items will be visible on the NDE Bulletin webpage (<https://www.education.ne.gov/bulletin/>).

At this time, we have migrated all existing email subscribers to the NEW! system and have begun to distribute Bulletin items. Initially, your subscription has been set to match the existing Bulletin process, sending a single digest email with all submitted items once a week. If you wish to change your subscription preferences, click on the "Manage Subscription" link at the bottom of this email.

For more in-depth information regarding the Bulletin process, please visit <https://www.education.ne.gov/bulletin-details>.



Data Collection Tool for Districts: Perceptual Surveys

Contact: NDE.Research@nebraska.gov

Perceptual data is one of the four essential data types for informing continuous school improvement efforts. As part of the Data Cadre's initiative to equip staff with data analysis training, the Nebraska Department of Education, in collaboration with the ESU Coordinating Council, is providing a free service every school year to all Nebraska public school districts. This service empowers districts with a data collection tool for collecting the perceptions of school staff, students, and parents on multiple dimensions of school climate. This service includes the generation of survey links for every school building, and the development of reports on the survey data collected. To begin, this service will need to be requested via an [online form](#). Note that this request may only be done once per school year for each district. Upon request, survey links will automatically be sent to the designated district contact for distribution to key stakeholders. The survey results are then accessible via the NEP Secure on the [NDE Portal](#). Any inquiries on this service may be directed to the contact information listed above.



ELPA21 Important Dates

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The ELPA21 Summative window opens February 3 and runs through March 13, 2020. All English Learners (ELs) K-12 are required to take the summative assessment which consists of four separate domain tests: listening, reading, speaking, and writing. ELs need to be identified in ADVISER by January 9, 2020 in order to have a record in the TIDE system for testing; ELs who are identified after this date will have to be manually entered at the district level.

Effective this year, there is no longer a K-1 paper/pencil supplement. There is still a paper/pencil version of the assessment which may be requested in very limited circumstances where some students may be precluded from using the online test version due to cultural considerations or based on an individual disability. Large print and braille versions are also available where needed. Paper/pencil, large print, and braille versions may be requested via the [NE Air Portal](#) through November 15. An additional window for ordering these versions will be available January 22 through March 6, 2020. For additional information on ELPA21 Accommodations, refer to the 2019-20 [ELPA21 Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#).



SPED Proportionate Share Worksheet for Non-Public Schools – 2020-2021

OPEN: November 1 - December 15

Contact: Greg Prochazka (402 471-4314 or greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov)

Public Schools Only

All school districts (including districts that do NOT have approved/accredited non-public schools or exempt home schools located within the district's jurisdiction) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to complete and submit the 2020-2021 IDEA Proportionate Share application. This collection is found under the **Data Collection** tab in the portal. An activation code is required to access this collection. Activation codes can be obtained from the District Administrator. This collection is based on the October 1, 2019 child count of eligible children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and determines the amount of IDEA funds that must be expended for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in an accredited/approved nonpublic school and/or an exempt home school within the school district boundaries.



District ADVISER Monthly Meetings

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org or 888-285-0556)

The District ADVISER monthly meetings will take place the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am CST. The Zoom meeting link is <https://zoom.us/j/4024712288>. Recordings can be found on the Meetings tab of the ADVISER Resource Google site- <https://sites.google.com/a/education.ne.gov/adviser-early-adopter-program/>.

No reminders are sent out as this is a standing meeting for all districts. Please add it to your calendar to create a reminder.



PowerSchool ADVISER Google Group

Contact: Aimee Muehling alempkemuehling@esu5.org

Attention PowerSchool Public School Districts. The VST team has set up a Nebraska PowerSchool ADVISER google group. This group will be the primary way that you will receive information/announcements that are specific to PowerSchool regarding ADVISER such as updates, known issues, fixes, available trainings etc. We would like at least one person from each PowerSchool district to be a member of the group. In the next few weeks you may receive an invite to join, please accept. You can also ask to join by clicking on the following link <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/powerschooladviser> that will take you to the group page where you can click on the ***Apply for Membership*** Link. You need to be signed in to your Google account to see this link.



The following collection open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC)

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org)

Please refer to the CDC Calendar which is located on the ADVISER Resources page at [Consolidated Data Collection \(CDC\) Calendar](#) and also review the instructions available in each of the CDC collections for further details about each collection.

Title I Annual Caseload Count of Children In Local Institutions For Neglected or Delinquent

Due Date: December 5 (Audit Window Close Date: January 5, 2020)

The purpose of this annual caseload count is to provide the State Educational Agency with current information on the location and number of children living in institutions for neglected or delinquent children, or in local correctional institutions. The information collected will be used in the Title I formula for computing allocations for local educational agencies.

Collection completed by Public

For more information, contact Pat Frost – pat.frost@nebraska.gov (402) 471-2478



Future Ready District Technology Profile (formerly “District Technology Plan”)

DUE DATE: January 15, 2020

Contact: nde.digitallearning@nebraska.gov or 402-471-4366

Collection to be completed by Public Schools

The District Technology Profile will be available on the NDE Portal under the “Data Collections” tab beginning Tuesday, October 15. This district profile (which replaces the previous “District Technology Plan”) will be available for public school districts in a web-based format. An activation code is required to add the collection to the NDE Portal account. Please review the FAQ and instruction documents regarding completion of the web-based District Technology Profile through the NDE Portal or on the NDE website shown below.

More information and resources related to the new District Technology Profile are available now for districts (public and non-public) on the NDE website:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/educational-technology/technology-plan/>

The website includes links to the following documents:

1. PDF version of the district technology profile instrument
2. PDF of the instructions to access the profile in the portal
3. PDF of frequently asked questions (FAQ’s)

If you have difficulties accessing the documents on the NDE website, please contact the Digital Learning Office at nde.digitallearning@nebraska.gov to request that the documents be emailed to you.



Assessment & Accountability Key Dates

Contact: Jeremy Heneger (402-471-2495 or jeremy.heneger@nebraska.gov or Lane Carr 402-471-3138 or lane.carr@nebraska.gov)

Public and Special Purpose Schools Only

Below are key dates for the release of Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) and Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) data. Published data elements can be found on the Nebraska Education Profile (NEP), the Nebraska Department of Education’s one-stop education data website. For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2019nep>.

August 5, 2019	Printed NSCAS Alternate Individual Student Reports (ISRs) delivered to districts
August 12-20, 2019	NSCAS District Preliminary Data Clean-up Window
August 30, 2019	Printed NSCAS ACT Individual Student Reports (ISRs) delivered to districts
September 25, 2019 (Secure Release)	Assessment Performance, Attendance, Participation, Demographics, and AQuESTT Raw Classification data published to the NEP Secure Portal (district view only, not public), district data validity verification
September 27, 2019	Notification of Evidence-based Analysis (EBA) adjustment-eligible schools
October 9, 2019 (Public Release)	Full Data Profile and Snapshot published on NEP with AQuESTT Classification and Assessment data (full public view)
October 14, 2019	Evidence-based Analysis (EBA) evidence due to NDE (for adjustment-eligible schools)
October 15-November 1, 2019	Review of Evidence-based Analysis (EBA) evidence
October 21-25, 2019	Printed NSCAS General Individual Student Reports (ISRs) delivered to districts
November 27, 2019 (Public Release)	Final AQuESTT Classifications, including EBA adjustments, published on the NEP



Nebraska Education Profile (NEP) Data Element Release Dates

Contact: Matt Hastings (402 471-2748) <https://nep.education.ne.gov/contact.html>

Public Schools Only

Below are the data element release dates for the 2019 Nebraska Education Profile (NEP). The NEP provides information and data about Nebraska public schools and student performance. The majority of Nebraska education data for the 2019-2020 school year will be released to the public via the NEP on October 9, 2019. Schools and districts can preview most data elements on September 25, 2019, ahead of the public release, through the NEP Secure collection, located in the NDE Portal under the Data Collections tab. (An activation code is required.) For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2019nep>.

Data Element	NEP Secure	NEP Public
AQuESTT Classification		
AQuESTT Classification	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
AQuESTT Classification for EBA-Adjustment Eligible Schools	--	11/27/2019
Education Technology		
District Tech Profile	--	10/09/2019
Snapshot & Full Data Profile		
Demographics		
Membership/Race Ethnicity	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Teacher/Race Ethnicity	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Teacher Experience	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Program Participation		
English Learners	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Free & Reduced Lunch	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
High Ability Learners (Gifted)	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Special Education	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Special Education Performance Part B	06/15/2020	06/15/2020
Metrics		
Attendance Rates	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Dropout Rates	11/27/2019	11/27/2019
Performance		
NSCAS ACT	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
NSCAS ELA/Math/Science	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
EDPA 21	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Results Matter Gold	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
National Assessment Instrument (NAI)	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Achievement		
Graduation Cohort Rates	11/27/2019	11/27/2019
College-going Rates	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
Financial		
State Aid/Finance/Per Pupil Cost	02/01/2020	02/01/2020
Mobility		
School Mobility/Highly Mobile	11/27/2019	11/27/2019
ESSA		
ESSA Inexperienced Educators/Provisional	09/25/2019	10/09/2019
ESSA Out-of-Field Teachers	11/27/2019	11/27/2019



HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

1. Click on the “Helpdesk Request” in the upper right hand corner of the NDE Portal Home Page. This will open your email to send your question to the NDE Helpdesk at ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org. Include your full name, organization and a detail description of your question. This email will automatically create a ticket.
2. Send an email directly to: ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org

Include your full name, organization, a detail description of your question, alternate contact and phone number.

This email will automatically create a ticket.

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

Leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

The Helpdesk Request and email to ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org are the fastest ways to get your questions to the Helpdesk. All questions are answered in the order in which they are received.

NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at <https://www.education.ne.gov/bulletins>. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.



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