



Friday News Blast



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Congratulations and Goodbye!

Today we say goodbye to longtime team member, Denise Wright. Thanks for all that you have done through the years. We hope retirement is everything you want it to be.

K12 Student Engagement Project

The student engagement project has a plethora of resources providing evidence based practices to support educators in improving student behavior and reducing exclusionary discipline. There are resources that will help strengthen educators' competence to collect data in order to evaluate and support the students they serve. The materials were created to be used by a variety of professionals with minimal training. Since the project was funded by the Nebraska Department of Education materials can be widely disseminated, free of charge. You will find materials that can be used for individual students, classrooms, school-wide, district-wide and materials can be adapted to any grade level.

As you understand the PBiS has 3 Tiers of support for students with challenging behaviors. You can search briefs based on the level of support your student needs. Check out our behavior briefs at - <https://k12engagement.unl.edu/behavior-and-discipline-briefs-tier> listed by Tier of support and fill your toolbox with great strategies to start everyone off on the right foot after the long break.

GOLD Users and Administrators – GOLD Inter-rater Reliability (IRR) due December 31:

Teachers/Practitioners who have used GOLD for one year must complete Inter-rater Reliability every 3 years. It is required to be completed by GOLD users who are responsible for finalizing checkpoint data for children from birth to age 5. One year of GOLD experience is necessary prior to completing IRR certification, therefore, IRR is not required for teachers/practitioners new to GOLD in the current school year. GOLD online administrators can run a report under the "Reports" tab and download the report to find out the status of the IRR process for each GOLD user. Please check to see if you need to renew your IRR.

To get started on the IRR process, each person will:

1. Go to MyTeachingStrategies Dashboard and click on the Develop Tab
2. Choose "Inter-rater reliability"
3. Choose "New Certification" and agree to the terms of the test
4. Choose appropriate assessment options (refer to the Results Matter TA document, page 21, item 44 to identify which course applies to you); the course will then be available.

The completion of IRR is critical in ensuring you have accurate and valid data to inform your decision making and program planning.

Enjoy the holiday break with your family and friends and recharge for the new year and new semester. The next Friday News Blast will be January 10th.

Steve and Amy