

# Annual Report

## State Accreditation Committee

May 27, 2020

## FOREWORD

Nebraska statute 79-703 requires that the State Board of Education establish standards for the approval and accreditation of Nebraska schools and further, that the Commissioner of Education appoint an accreditation committee which “shall be responsible for: (a) recommending appropriate standards and policies with respect to the accreditation and classification of schools; and (b) making recommendations annually to the Commissioner relative to the accreditation and classification of individual schools.”

This report is presented to the State Accreditation Committee for review and consideration in fulfilling the responsibilities prescribed in statute. The report provides the status of currently accredited schools, based upon compliance with Rule 10 (*Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*). It also contains other support information related to school status and accreditation. This report will serve as the basis for State Accreditation Committee action at the meeting of May 27, 2020.

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## 2020 State Accreditation Committee Membership

Member	Term Expires
Mary Anderson, Principal..... Boys Town High School	June 30, 2021
Elizabeth Boyle, Teacher ..... Grand Island Public Schools	June 30, 2021
Luke Bretscher, UNL Admissions..... University of Nebraska, Lincoln	Indefinite
Wayne Brown, Vice President of Programs ..... Urban League of Nebraska	June 30, 2022
Melissa Comine, Chief Academic Officer ..... Omaha Public Schools	June 30, 2021
Brad Dirksen, Administrator ..... Nebraska Department of Education	Indefinite
Josie Floyd, Elementary Principal..... Sutherland Public Schools	June 30, 2021
Dale Fornander, Community Representative ..... Creek Valley Public Schools	June 30, 2022
Judi gaiashkibos, Community Representative ..... Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs	June 30, 2022
Dale Hafer, Superintendent ..... Ainsworth Community Schools	June 30, 2021
Pat Hoehner, Department Chair Emeritas ..... University of Nebraska at Kearney	June 30, 2021
Vickie Kauffold, Assistant Superintendent..... Omaha Diocese	June 30, 2023

**Member****Term Expires**

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Mitch Kubicek, Director of Learning .....	June 30, 2022
Milford Public Schools	
Troy Lurz, Principal.....	June 30, 2021
Gibbon Public Schools	
Travis Miller, Superintendent .....	June 30, 2023
Bayard Public Schools	
Boris Moore, Principal.....	June 30, 2022
Omaha Public Schools	
Marco Pedroza, Principal .....	June 30, 2022
Lincoln Public School	
Joe'l Ruybalid, Superintendent .....	June 30, 2022
Blue Hill Community Schools	
Sarah Salem, Director of Continuous Improvement & Prof. Learning.....	June 30, 2022
Lincoln Public Schools	
Dan Schnoes, Administrator .....	June 30, 2022
Educational Service Unit 3	
Bess Scott, Associate Professor .....	June 30, 2023
Doane University	
Amy Shane, Superintendent .....	June 30, 2022
O'Neill Public Schools	
Mike Sieh, Superintendent, Chair .....	June 30, 2021
Stanton Community Schools	

**State Accreditation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2020**

The Nebraska State Accreditation Committee met at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE. Travis Miller called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., declared a quorum present, and established the legality of the meeting. Greetings and introductions followed. Members present were the following: Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Boyle, Luke Bretscher, Brad Dirksen, Dale Fornander, Judi gaiashkibos (Departed at 1:05), Dale Hafer, Vickie Kauffold, Mitch Kubicek, Troy Lurz, Travis Miller, Marco Pedroza, Joe'l Ruybalid, Sarah Salem (Departed at 12:40), Dan Schnoes (Departed at 12:40), and Amy Shane.

Members absent: Wayne Brown, Melissa Comine, Josie Floyd, Pat Hoehner, Boris Moore, Bess Scott, and Mike Sieh.

NDE staff members present during all or some of the meeting were the following: Deputy Commissioner Deb Frison, Ryan Foor, Shirley Vargas, Lane Carr, Don Loseke and Micki Charf.

Following committee updates by Don Loseke, Travis Miller reviewed the agenda. Dale Fornander moved to approve the agenda and Sarah Salem seconded the motion.

Voting yes: Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Boyle, Luke Bretscher, Brad Dirksen, Dale Fornander, Judi gaiashkibos, Dale Hafer, Vickie Kauffold, Mitch Kubicek, Troy Lurz, Travis Miller, Marco Pedroza, Joe'l Ruybalid, Sarah Salem, Dan Schnoes, and Amy Shane.

Voting no: none

Approval carried 16-0 with 7 absent.

Members reviewed the minutes of the May 15, 2019, meeting. Mitch Kubicek moved to accept the minutes and Troy Lurz seconded the motion.

Voting yes: Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Boyle, Luke Bretscher, Brad Dirksen, Dale Fornander, Dale Hafer, Vickie Kauffold, Mitch Kubicek, Troy Lurz, Travis Miller, Marco Pedroza, Sarah Salem, Dan Schnoes, and Amy Shane.

Abstain: Judi gaiashkibos and Joe'l Ruybalid.

Voting no: none

Approval carried 14-0, with 2 abstaining and 7 absent.

### **Objectives of the Day**

Travis Miller reviewed with members the purpose of Rule 10 (equity of opportunity, quality of learning, and accountability) and the Committee's role and responsibility.

### **Rule Structure: Current vs. Proposed**

Ryan Foor shared that the State Board is headed toward creating two new and different rules. The Board wants accreditation to mean something. A new structure would help with clarification and the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board wants the difference between approval and accreditation made clear.

Approval for both public and nonpublic schools would be based on the minimum criteria required to operate a school while the accreditation aspects would be the *above and beyond* that begin to demonstrate the quality of education.

Discussion was held by the Committee members on possible options of organization.

### **AQuESTT and Accountability**

Lane Carr's presentation covered AQuESTT enhancements and updates on the State Board's position statement and the interaction between accountability and accreditation in public schools.

The Nebraska Department of Education is taking charge of its roles and responsibilities to provide leadership and enhance support systems in the state. As part of its evaluative processes and duties, the State Board of Education leverages three separate, but interrelated systems to ensure equal operation of schools and equitable outcomes for all students:

- Approval
- Accreditation
- Accountability

The Board wants AQuESTT to be infused into all of these pieces.

The focus for this year has been the tenant name changes and making sure we understand philosophically what those shifts look like. For next year, they will be looking at data communication back to schools and the EBA, or something similar, moving from accountability to be a tool for accreditation.

Dr. Shirley Vargas discussed Priority School Statute and History. In addition to Priority School Supports, the NDE also supports schools with Comprehensive Support and Improvement, Targeted Support and Improvement, and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement. Discussion followed on what the committee members know about Priority Schools and what they want to know about Priority Schools.

If a school has been designated as a priority school for the third consecutive school year, the state board

shall reevaluate the progress plan to determine if (a) a significant revision of the progress plan is necessary, (b) an entirely new progress plan is developed, or (c) an alternative administrative structure is warranted. Committee members were asked to discuss their thoughts on (c) alternative administrative structures, what does it mean, what is it seeking to accomplish, what are potential drawbacks.

Group activity followed; committee members broke out into groups and were asked to reflect on what they heard during the morning presentations. Groups shared their questions and thoughts with the full committee.

**Approval Rule (Rule 10 and Rule 14) and Accountability and Accreditation Rule (Rule 10) Proposed Structure**

Don Loseke and Micki Charf presented on the proposed structure for a new Approval Rule and a new Accountability and Accreditation Rule. A sample of both rules organized under the AQuESTT structure was shared with the committee. Committee members discussed possible regulation changes, regulation placement under each of the AQuESTT Domains, then shared their thoughts and suggestions on these potential changes. Members were asked to submit their written feedback to the accreditation team at the end of the activity.

After brief closing comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL SYSTEMS RECOMMENDED FOR CONTINUED ACCREDITATION

### Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following Class II-Class V, Special Purpose, and Nonpublic school systems, be recommended to the State Board of Education for continued accreditation in 2020-21.

Rationale: The schools listed are found to be operating in compliance with Rule 10. This is based on information submitted on their Assurance Statements and, in some instances, gathered on Rule 10 visits to the schools. The schools that listed “areas of non-compliance” on the Assurance Statement submitted a correction of the violations to the Department of Education by the February 1 due date, as provided in Rule 10, and, therefore, are considered in compliance for the full school year.

*(Any schools dissolving, merging, or unifying for the 2020-21 school year will be accredited under the new name)*

### Class II through V School Districts

**Total: 244**

Adams Central	Blair	Crawford
Ainsworth	Bloomfield	Creek Valley
Allen	Blue Hill	Creighton
Alliance	Boone Central	Crete
Alma	Boyd County	Crofton
Amherst	Brady	Cross County
Anselmo-Merna	Bridgeport	David City
Ansley	Broken Bow	Deshler
Arapahoe	Bruning-Davenport	Diller-Odell
Arcadia	Burwell	Doniphan-Trumbull
Arlington	Callaway	Dorchester
Arnold	Cambridge	Douglas County West
Arthur County	Cedar Bluffs	Dundy County-Stratton
Ashland Greenwood	Centennial	East Butler
Auburn	Central City	Elba
Aurora	Central Valley	Elgin
Axtell	Centura	Elkhorn
Bancroft-Rosalie	Chadron	Elkhorn Valley
Banner County	Chambers	Elm Creek
Battle Creek	Chase County	Elmwood-Murdock
Bayard	Clarkson	Elwood
Beatrice	Cody-Kilgore	Emerson-Hubbard
Bellevue	Columbus	Eustis-Farnam
Bennington	Conestoga	Ewing
Bertrand	Cozad	Exeter-Milligan

School Systems Recommended for Continued Accreditation in 2020-21 (continued)

Fairbury	Lewiston Consolidated	Osceola
Falls City	Lexington	Osmond
Fillmore Central	Leyton	Overton
Fort Calhoun	Lincoln	Palmer
Franklin	Litchfield	Palmyra Dist OR 1
Freeman	Logan View	Papillion-La Vista
Fremont	Loomis	Pawnee City
Friend	Louisville	Paxton
Fullerton	Loup City	Pender
Garden County	Loup County	Perkins County
Gering	Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Pierce
Gibbon	Madison	Plainview
Giltner	Malcolm	Plattsmouth
Gordon-Rushville	Maxwell	Pleasanton
Gothenburg	Maywood	Ponca
Grand Island	McCook	Potter-Dix
Gretna	McCool Junction	Ralston
Hampton	McPherson County	Randolph
Hartington-Newcastle	Mead	Ravenna
Harvard	Medicine Valley	Raymond Central
Hastings	Meridian	Red Cloud
Hay Springs	Milford	Riverside
Hayes Center	Millard	Rock County
Heartland	Minatare	Saint Edward
Hemingford	Minden	Saint Paul
Hershey	Mitchell	Sandhills
High Plains	Morrill	Santee
Hitchcock County	Mullen	Sargent
Holdrege	Nebraska City	Schuyler
Homer	Nebraska Unified #1	Scottsbluff
Howells-Dodge	Neligh-Oakdale	Scribner-Snyder
Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer	Newman Grove	Seward
Humphrey	Niobrara	Shelby-Rising City
Hyannis Area	Norfolk	Shelton
Johnson County Central	Norris	Shickley
Johnson-Brock	North Bend Central	Sidney
Kearney	North Platte	Silver Lake
Kenesaw	Northwest	Sioux County
Keya Paha County	Oakland Craig	South Central NE Unified
Kimball	Ogallala	South Platte
Lakeview	Omaha	South Sioux City
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge	O'Neill	Southern School
Leigh	Ord	Southern Valley

School Systems Recommended for Continued Accreditation in 2020-21 (continued)

Southwest	Tri County	West Point
Springfield Platteview	Twin Rivers	Westside
Stanton	Umo Ho Nation	Wheeler Central
Stapleton	Valentine	Wilber-Clatonia
Sterling	Wahoo	Wilcox-Hildreth
Stuart	Wakefield	Winnebago
Sumner-Eddyville-Miller	Wallace	Winside
Superior	Walthill	Wisner-Pilger
Sutherland	Wauneta-Palisade	Wood River Rural
Sutton	Wausa	Wynot
Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca	Waverly	York
Tekamah-Herman	Wayne	Yutan
Thayer Central	Weeping Water	
Thedford	West Holt Public	

**Special Purpose Schools**

**Total: 5**

Geneva North (Geneva)  
Kearney West High (Kearney)  
Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility (Omaha)  
Pine Ridge Job Corps (Chadron)  
University of Nebraska High School (Lincoln)

**Nonpublic Schools  
Total: 83**

Albion	Saint Michael's Elementary School	Omaha	Holy Cross Catholic School
Atkinson	Saint Joseph's Elementary School	Omaha	Holy Name Elementary School
Bellevue	Daniel J Gross High School	Omaha	Jesuit Academy
Bellevue	Saint Mary Elementary School	Omaha	Madonna School
Bellevue	Saint Matthew the Evangelist School	Omaha	Marian High School
Bow Valley	East Catholic Elementary School	Omaha	Mary Our Queen Elementary School
Boys Town	Boys Town	Omaha	Mercy High School
Central City	Nebraska Christian Schools	Omaha	Nelson Mandela School
Clarkson	Saint John Neumann Elementary	Omaha	Omaha Christian Academy
Columbus	Saint Anthony Elementary School	Omaha	Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary
Columbus	Saint Bonaventure School	Omaha	Roncalli Catholic High School
Columbus	Saint Isidore Elementary School	Omaha	Sacred Heart Elementary School
Columbus	Scotus Central Catholic	Omaha	Saint Bernadette Catholic School
Creighton	Saint Ludger Elementary School	Omaha	Saint Bernard Elementary School
Crofton	Saint Rose of Lima Elementary School	Omaha	Saint Cecilia Cathedral School
David City	Aquinas-Saint Mary Catholic Schools	Omaha	Saint James-Seton Elementary School
Dodge	Saint Wenceslaus Elementary School	Omaha	Saint Joan of Arc Elementary School
Elgin	Pope John XXIII High School	Omaha	Saint Margaret Mary Elementary
Elgin	St Boniface Elementary School	Omaha	Saint Philip Neri Elementary School
Elkhorn	Mount Michael Benedictine	Omaha	Saint Pius X/St Leo Elementary
Elkhorn	Saint Patrick's Catholic School	Omaha	Saint Robert Bellarmine Elementary
Falls City	Sacred Heart Schools	Omaha	Saint Stephen the Martyr
Fordyce	West Catholic Elementary School	Omaha	Saint Thomas Moore Elementary
Fremont	Archbishop Bergan Elementary	Omaha	Saint Vincent dePaul Elementary
Fremont	Archbishop Bergan School	Omaha	Saint Wenceslaus School
Grand Island	Central Catholic Schools	Omaha	Saints Peter & Paul Elementary
Hartington	Cedar Catholic High School	Omaha	Skutt Catholic High School
Hartington	Holy Trinity Elementary School	O'Neill	Saint Mary's Schools
Hastings	Hastings Catholic Schools	Osmond	Saint Mary Elementary School
Howells	Howells Community Catholic School	Papillion	Saint Columbkille Catholic School
Humphrey	Saint Francis Schools	Ralston	Saint Gerald Elementary School
Kearney	Kearney Catholic Schools	South Sioux City	Saint Michael Elementary School
Lincoln	Lincoln Christian Schools	Wahoo	Bishop Neumann High School
Lincoln	Lincoln Lutheran Middle/High School	Wayne	Saint Mary's Elementary School
Lincoln	Parkview Christian	West Point	Guardian Angels Central Catholic
Lincoln	Pius X High School	Winnebago	Saint Augustine Elementary School
Lindsay	Holy Family School		
Madison	Saint Leonard's Elementary School		
Nebraska City	Nebraska City Lourdes Central		
Norfolk	Lutheran High Northeast		
Norfolk	Norfolk Catholic Schools		
North Platte	North Platte Catholic Schools		
Omaha	All Saints Catholic Schools		
Omaha	Brownell Talbot Schools		
Omaha	Christ the King School		
Omaha	Creighton Preparatory School		
Omaha	Duchesne Academy		

**CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN 2020-21**  
**(Regulation 10-009.01A)**

Accredited schools are required to conduct a continuous school improvement process focused on the improvement of student learning. Schools use procedures outlined in *The Nebraska Framework for School Improvement* or developed by Cognia, although a school may use any continuous improvement process that includes the following activities at least once in each five years:

1. Review and update of a mission statement. (009.01A1)
2. Collection and analysis of data about student performance, demographics, learning climate, and former high school students. (009.01A2)
3. Selection of improvement goals. At least one goal is directed toward improvement of student performance. (009.01A3)
4. Development and implementation of a plan which includes procedures, strategies, or actions to achieve goals. (009.01A4)
5. Evaluation of progress toward improvement goals. (009.01A5)
6. Incorporation of multicultural education. (009.01A6)
7. An external team visit. (009.01A7)

## 2019/2020 CIP Support Days

CIP Support Days replaced the Fall CIP Workshops. This was a collaborative effort by the ESUs, the NDE Accreditation Section, the NDE Office of Special Education, NEMTSS and Cognia/AdvancED. The presentations focused on Continuous School Improvement and External Visit preparation.

### Locations and Dates

ESU 10	-	Kearney	-	September 23-24, 2019
ESU 10	-	Kearney	-	September 27, 2019
ESU 2	-	Fremont	-	September 30, 2019
ESU 4	-	Auburn	-	October 1, 2019
ESU 7	-	Columbus	-	October 8, 2019
ESU 8	-	Neligh	-	October 21-22, 2019
ESU 6	-	Milford	-	November 7, 2019
ESU 9	-	Hastings	-	November 13, 2019
ESU 13	-	Scottsbluff	-	November 13, 2019
ESU 3	-	La Vista	-	December 9, 2019
ESU 5	-	Beatrice	-	June 18-19, 2020

**EXTERNAL TEAM VISITS FOR CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

<b><u>PUBLIC SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>CITY</u></b>	<b><u>LEADER</u></b>	<b><u>LAST VISIT</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT VISIT</u></b>
Adams Central Public Schools	Hastings	Maureen Ryff	1/22/2017	21-22
Ainsworth Community Schools	Ainsworth	Amy Trauernicht	FALL 2020	24-25
Allen Consolidated Schools	Allen	Ed Stansberry	4/7/2016	20-21
Alliance Public Schools	Alliance	Leslie Ballard	2/5/2018	22-23
Alma Public Schools	Alma	Kelly Erickson	11/16/2015	20-21
Amherst Public Schools	Amherst	Dale Hafer	3/17/2016	20-21
Anselmo-Merna Public Schools	Merna	Kate Hatch	3/19/2019	23-24
Ansley Public Schools	Ansley	Kim Snyder	4/22/2019	23-24
Arapahoe Public Schools	Arapahoe	Dawn Lewis	3/22/2017	21-22
Arcadia Public Schools	Arcadia	Dale Hafer	3/13/2018	22-23
Arlington Public Schools	Arlington	Don Loseke	3/13/2016	20-21
Arnold Public Schools	Arnold	Sara Zabrowski	3/19/2018	22-23
Arthur County Schools	Arthur	Dale Hafer	FALL 2020	24-25
Ashland Greenwood Schools	Ashland	Beth Kabes	3/21/2016	20-21
Auburn Public Schools	Auburn	Trudy Clark	11/15/2017	22-23
Aurora Public Schools	Aurora	Dick Meyer	3/7/2018	22-23
Axtell Community Schools	Axtell	Ronald Wymore	3/26/2018	22-23
Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools	Bancroft	Ed Stansberry	3/21/2017	21-22
Banner County Public Schools	Harrisburg	Renae Noble	FALL 2020	24-25
Battle Creek Public Schools	Battle Creek	Mike Sieh	2/28/2016	20-21
Bayard Public Schools	Bayard	Mike Sieh	10/2/2016	21-22
Beatrice Public Schools	Beatrice	Marci Ostmeyer	4/11/2019	23-24
Bellevue Public Schools	Bellevue	Mark Mathern	11/17/2019	24-25
Bennington Public Schools	Bennington	Judy Wesley	4/9/2017	21-22
Bertrand Public Schools	Bertrand	Kelly Clapp	11/15/2016	21-22
Blair Community Schools	Blair	Josh Fields	2/1/2017	21-22
Bloomfield Community Schools	Bloomfield	Margaret Sandoz	3/24/2016	20-21
Blue Hill Community Schools	Blue Hill	Kurk Wiedel	4/2/2017	21-22
Boone Central Schools	Albion	Cheryl Allread	3/25/2018	22-23
Boyd County Schools	Spencer	Amy Shane	4/30/2019	23-24
Brady Public Schools	Brady	George Griffith	3/19/2018	22-23
Bridgeport Public Schools	Bridgeport	Dale Hafer	FALL 2020	24-25
Broken Bow Public Schools	Broken Bow	Amy Trauernicht	2/5/2020	24-25
Bruning-Davenport Unified	Davenport	Teresa Fields	10/26/2016	21-22
Burwell Public Schools	Burwell	Brad Conner	3/4/2020	24-25
Callaway Public Schools	Callaway	Dan Bird	4/6/2016	20-21
Cambridge Public Schools	Cambridge	Alan Garey	1/25/2016	20-21
Cedar Bluffs Public Schools	Cedar Bluffs	Teresa Coonts	3/20/2016	20-21
Centennial Public Schools	Utica	Beth Ericson	4/10/2019	23-24
Central City Public Schools	Central City	Steve Epperson	2/14/2016	20-21
Central Valley Public Schools	Greeley	Al Meier	3/19/2019	23-24
Centura Public School	Cairo	Chris Geary	2/19/2019	23-24

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Chadron Public Schools	Chadron	Steve Epperson	11/25/2018	23-24
Chambers Public Schools	Chambers	Amy Shane	4/30/2019	23-24
Chase County Schools	Imperial	Matt Heusman	4/2/2017	21-22
Clarkson Public Schools	Clarkson	Kyle Finke	2/24/2016	20-21
Cody-Kilgore Public School	Cody	Jim York	3/29/2017	21-22
Columbus Public Schools	Columbus	John Sedey	11/5/2017	22-23
Conestoga Public Schools	Murray	Jerry Morgan	4/24/2017	21-22
Cozad Community Schools	Cozad	Jill Bramlet	11/15/2015	20-21
Crawford Public Schools	Crawford	Nick Dressel	3/5/2017	21-22
Creek Valley Schools	Chappell	Stephen Osborn	FALL 2020	24-25
Creighton Community Public Schools	Creighton	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	24-25
Crete Public Schools	Crete	Travis Miller	1/29/2020	24-25
Crofton Community Schools	Crofton	Amy Shane	2/10/2016	20-21
Cross County Community Schools	Stromsburg	Mike Sieh	3/10/2020	24-25
David City Public Schools	David City	Josh Fields	10/23/2019	24-25
Deshler Public Schools	Deshler	Denise O'Brien	1/17/2019	23-24
Diller-Odell Public Schools	Odell	Heidi Zierott	2/27/2018	22-23
Doniphan-Trumbull Public Schools	Doniphan	Laurie Hanna	4/11/2017	21-22
Dorchester Public Schools	Dorchester	Suzanne Whisler	10/24/2016	21-22
Douglas County West	Valley	Christopher Prosocki	2/4/2020	24-25
Dundy County-Stratton Public Schools	Benkelman	Alan Garey	4/23/2018	22-23
East Butler Public Schools	Brainard	John Sedey	3/18/2018	22-23
Elba Public Schools	Elba	Joe'l Ruybalid	FALL 2020	24-25
Elgin Public Schools	Elgin	Freida Lange	4/30/2014	21-22
Elkhorn Public Schools	Elkhorn	John Skretta	3/2/2020	24-25
Elkhorn Valley Schools	Tilden	Matt Dominy	11/19/2018	23-24
Elm Creek Public Schools	Elm Creek	Dan Bird	4/26/2017	21-22
Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools	Murdock	Jack Moles	2/14/2017	21-22
Elwood Public Schools	Elwood	Joel Bednar	2/18/2020	24-25
Emerson-Hubbard Public School	Emerson	Matt Dominy	10/16/2019	24-25
Eustis-Farnam Public Schools	Eustis	Denise O'Brien	2/23/2016	20-21
Ewing Public Schools	Ewing	Amy Shane	4/30/2019	23-24
Exeter-Milligan Public Schools	Exeter	Clayton Waddle	3/3/2020	24-25
Fairbury Public Schools	Fairbury	Josh Fields	3/26/2018	22-23
Falls City Public Schools	Falls City	Jerry Griffin	10/4/2015	20-21
Fillmore Central Public Schools	Geneva	Mitch Kubicek	3/19/2019	23-24
Fort Calhoun Community Schools	Fort Calhoun	Ryon Nilson	FALL 2020	24-25
Franklin Public Schools	Franklin	Janet Anderson	3/2/2020	24-25
Freeman Public Schools	Adams	Heidi Zierott	11/26/2018	23-24
Fremont Public Schools	Fremont	Kathy Reifschneider	4/3/2016	20-21
Friend Public Schools	Friend	Curtis Cogswell	FALL 2020	24-25
Fullerton Public Schools	Fullerton	Mike Sieh	1/28/2020	24-25
Garden County Schools	Oshkosh	James McGown	11/22/2015	20-21
Gering Public Schools	Gering	Laura Fischer	11/8/2015	20-21
Gibbon Public Schools	Gibbon	Brenda Tracy	3/20/2019	23-24
Giltner Public Schools	Giltner	Curtis Cogswell	3/29/2017	21-22

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Gordon-Rushville Schools	Gordon	Nick Dressel	3/6/2016	20-21
Gothenburg Public Schools	Gothenburg	John Sedey	3/19/2017	21-22
Grand Island Public Schools	Grand Island	Sarah Salem	1/16/2019	23-24
Gretna Public Schools	Gretna	Karen Flora	3/6/2016	20-21
Hampton Public School	Hampton	Kent Miller	3/13/2017	21-22
Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools	Hartington	Heidi Zierott	4/12/2018	22-23
Harvard Public Schools	Harvard	Christopher Prosocki	4/16/2019	23-24
Hastings Public Schools	Hastings	Maureen Ryff	2/14/2016	20-21
Hay Springs Public Schools	Hay Springs	Don Loseke	10/29/2017	22-23
Hayes Center Public Schools	Hayes Center	Sheri Chittenden	3/27/2017	21-22
Heartland Community Schools	Henderson	Kim Gangwish	3/15/2016	20-21
Hemingford Public Schools	Hemingford	Rick Moses	1/11/2016	20-21
Hershey Public Schools	Hershey	SuAnn Witt	3/27/2018	22-23
High Plains Community Schools	Polk	Mitch Kubicek	2/27/2018	22-23
Hitchcock County School System	Trenton	Kate Hatch	3/3/2015	24-25
Holdrege Public Schools	Holdrege	Josh Fields	3/12/2019	23-24
Homer Community Schools	Homer	Christopher Prosocki	4/23/2018	22-23
Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools	Howells	Dawn Lewis	FALL 2020	24-25
Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer	Humboldt	Robert Lungrin	3/7/2016	20-21
Humphrey Public Schools	Humphrey	Mike Sieh	4/10/2019	23-24
Hyannis Area Schools	Hyannis	Lori Liggett	3/15/2017	21-22
Johnson County Central Public Schools	Tecumseh	Jerry Morgan	4/10/2016	20-21
Johnson-Brock Public Schools	Johnson	Heidi Zierott	FALL 2020	24-25
Kearney Public Schools	Kearney	John Skretta	2/26/2016	20-21
Kenesaw Public Schools	Kenesaw	Holly Herzberg	2/5/2020	24-25
Keya Paha County Schools	Springview	Dale Hafer	10/30/2018	23-24
Kimball Public Schools	Kimball	Lori Liggett	3/18/2018	22-23
Lakeview Community Schools	Columbus	Amy Trauernicht	2/26/2018	22-23
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Public Schools	Laurel	Kent Miller	4/2/2017	21-22
Leigh Community Schools	Leigh	Kelly Clapp	3/27/2019	23-24
Lewiston Consolidated Schools	Lewiston	Trudy Clark	FALL 2020	24-25
Lexington Public Schools	Lexington	John Sedey	11/8/2015	20-21
Leyton Public Schools	Dalton	Kim Gangwish	3/19/2017	21-22
Lincoln Public Schools	Lincoln	Mark Adler	11/5/2018	23-24
Litchfield Public Schools	Litchfield	Ronald Wymore	2/8/2017	21-22
Logan View Public Schools	Hooper	Micki Charf	FALL 2020	24-25
Loomis Public Schools	Loomis	Hillary Bentley	3/27/2018	22-23
Louisville Public Schools	Louisville	Stephen Sargent	3/17/2019	23-24
Loup City Public Schools	Loup City	Chad Dumas	4/26/2018	22-23
Loup County Public Schools	Taylor	Jim York	4/25/2016	20-21
Lyons-Decatur Northeast	Lyons	Jack Moles	3/26/2018	22-23
Madison Public Schools	Madison	Charlotte Draper	3/18/2019	23-24
Malcolm Public Schools	Malcolm	Mitch Kubicek	2/23/2017	21-22
Maxwell Public Schools	Maxwell	Amy Trauernicht	3/30/2016	20-21
Maywood Public Schools	Maywood	Dallas Lewandowski	2/27/2020	24-25
McCook Public Schools	McCook	Mike Mason	2/11/2020	24-25

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McCool Junction Public Schools	McCool Junction	Holly Herzberg	3/22/2016	20-21
McPherson County Schools	Tryon	Brad Conner	10/1/2019	24-25
Mead Public Schools	Mead	Micki Charf	FALL 2020	24-25
Medicine Valley Public Schools	Curtis	Jeff Messersmith	3/28/2018	22-23
Meridian Public Schools	Daykin	Holly Herzberg	4/18/2019	23-24
Milford Public Schools	Milford	Dick Meyer	11/11/2015	20-21
Millard Public Schools	Omaha	John Skretta	11/18/2018	23-24
Minatare Public Schools	Minatare	Joe'l Ruybalid	11/29/2018	23-24
Minden Public Schools	Minden	Denise O'Brien	3/16/2018	22-23
Mitchell Public Schools	Mitchell	Renae Noble	2/11/2019	23-24
Morrill Public Schools	Morrill	Jamie Isom	4/16/2018	22-23
Mullen Public Schools	Mullen	Brad Conner	3/13/2018	22-23
Nebraska City Public Schools	Nebraska City	Suzi Cabe	2/18/2019	23-24
Nebraska Unified District #1	Orchard	Amy Shane	4/30/2019	23-24
Neligh-Oakdale Public Schools	Neligh	Robin Dexter	3/11/2018	22-23
Newman Grove Public Schools	Newman Grove	Holly Herzberg	2/6/2018	22-23
Niobrara Public Schools	Niobrara	Brad Conner	5/14/2019	23-24
Norfolk Public Schools	Norfolk	Chad Dumas	3/26/2017	21-22
Norris School District 160	Firth	George Griffin	10/21/2018	23-24
North Bend Central School District	North Bend	Misty Bear	10/6/2019	23-24
North Platte Public Schools	North Platte	Melanie Mueller	4/28/2019	23-24
Northwest Public Schools	Grand Island	Misty Bear	2/25/2019	23-24
Oakland Craig Public Schools	Oakland	Jack Moles	12/2/2015	20-21
Ogallala Public Schools	Ogallala	Chris Geary	3/2/2020	24-25
Omaha Public Schools	Omaha	George Toman	2/3/2020	24-25
O'Neill Public Schools	O'Neill	Jamie Isom	2/25/2019	23-24
Ord Public Schools	Ord	Janet Anderson	2/24/2019	23-24
Osceola Public Schools	Osceola	Misty Bear	3/21/2016	20-21
Osmond Community Schools	Osmond	Kim Snyder	3/21/2018	22-23
Overton Public Schools	Overton	Dawn Lewis	4/12/2018	22-23
Palmer Public Schools	Palmer	Stephen Osborn	3/2/2020	24-25
Palmyra District OR-1	Palmyra	Don Loseke	3/26/2018	22-23
Papillion-LaVista Public Schools	Papillion	Steve Epperson	3/1/2020	24-25
Pawnee City Public Schools	Pawnee City	Al Meier	3/11/2020	24-25
Paxton Consolidated Schools	Paxton	Joe'l Ruybalid	2/21/2018	22-23
Pender Public Schools	Pender	Greg Monroe	FALL 2020	24-25
Perkins County Schools	Grant	Micki Charf	2/24/2020	24-25
Pierce Public Schools	Pierce	Don Loseke	1/22/2019	23-24
Plainview Public Schools	Plainview	Michael Montgomery	4/6/2016	20-21
Plattsmouth Community Schools	Plattsmouth	John Sedey	3/6/2016	20-21
Pleasanton Public Schools	Pleasanton	William Gilbreath	3/21/2017	21-22
Ponca Public Schools	Ponca	Jamie Isom	12/13/2015	20-21
Potter-Dix Public Schools	Potter	Don Loseke	1/31/2018	22-23
Ralston Public Schools	Ralston	Kathryn Wood	2/19/2019	23-24
Randolph Public Schools	Randolph	Jay Vance	1/26/2016	20-21
Ravenna Public Schools	Ravenna	Amy Trauernicht	3/19/2019	23-24

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Raymond Central School	Raymond	Mary Anne Hipp	11/13/2018	23-24
Red Cloud Community Schools	Red Cloud	Carol Rempp	3/14/2016	20-21
Riverside Public Schools	Cedar Rapids	Matt Dominy	2/15/2018	22-23
Rock County Schools	Bassett	Justin Frederick	3/31/2016	20-21
Sandhills Public Schools	Dunning	Laurie Hanna	3/25/2019	23-24
Santee Community School	Niobrara	Robin Dexter	4/4/2017	21-22
Sargent Public Schools	Sargent	James McGown	3/18/2019	23-24
Schuyler Community Schools	Schuyler	David Barnett	9/16/2012	22-23
Scottsbluff Public Schools	Scottsbluff	Mark Taylor	10/4/2015	20-21
Scribner-Snyder Community Schools	Scribner	Kent Miller	2/19/2017	21-22
Seward Public Schools	Seward	James Sutfin	2/25/2019	23-24
Shelby-Rising City Public Schools	Shelby	Matt Heusman	1/24/2016	20-21
Shelton Public Schools	Shelton	Dick Meyer	4/12/2017	21-22
Shickley Public Schools	Shickley	Holly Herzberg	3/29/2017	21-22
Sidney Public Schools	Sidney	Don Loseke	1/30/2019	23-24
Silver Lake Public Schools	Roseland	Dale Hafer	4/17/2019	23-24
Sioux County Public Schools	Harrison	Randy Geier	3/20/2017	21-22
South Central Unified	Fairfield	Jerry Morgan	2/18/2018	22-23
South Platte Public School	Big Springs	Kim Gangwish	3/18/2019	23-24
South Sioux City Community Schools	South Sioux City	Mark Adler	FALL 2020	24-25
Southern School District 1	Wymore	Joey Lefdal	4/2/2019	23-24
Southern Valley Schools	Oxford	Curtis Cogswell	3/12/2019	23-24
Southwest Public Schools	Bartley	Kate Hatch	3/20/2018	22-23
Springfield Platteview Community Schools	Springfield	Mark Adler	11/12/2019	24-25
St Edward Public Schools	St Edward	Curtis Cogswell	4/11/2018	22-23
St Paul Public School	St Paul	Dale Hafer	11/15/2015	20-21
Stanton Community Schools	Stanton	Cheryl Allread	4/2/2017	21-22
Stapleton Public Schools	Stapleton	Amy Trauernicht	3/6/2017	21-22
Sterling Public Schools	Sterling	Kim Snyder	3/21/2017	21-22
Stuart Public Schools	Stuart	Amy Shane	4/30/2019	23-24
Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Schools	Sumner	Joey Lefdal	3/16/2017	21-22
Superior Public Schools	Superior	Jill Johnson	3/20/2016	20-21
Sutherland Public Schools	Sutherland	Kathy Vandamme	11/4/2015	20-21
Sutton Public Schools	Sutton	Justin Frederick	3/12/2019	23-24
Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca Public Schools	Syracuse	Marci Ostmeyer	3/5/2018	22-23
Tekamah-Herman Schools	Tekamah	Joey Lefdal	2/4/2020	24-25
Thayer Central Community Schools	Hebron	Kellen Conroy	3/12/2020	24-25
Thedford Public Schools	Thedford	Dan Bird	3/27/2018	22-23
Tri County Public Schools	Dewitt	Jennifer Madison	10/18/2017	22-23
Twin Rivers Public Schools	Genoa	Don Loseke	9/23/2019	23-24
Umo Ho Nation Public School	Macy	Kim Snyder	2/12/2017	21-22
Valentine Community Schools	Valentine	Mary Anne Hipp	11/5/2019	24-25
Wahoo Public Schools	Wahoo	Dee Hoge	2/29/2016	20-21
Wakefield Public Schools	Wakefield	Jeff McQuistan	3/22/2016	20-21
Wallace Public School District 65R	Wallace	Dawn Lewis	2/27/2019	23-24
Walthill Public Schools	Walthill	Caroline Winchester	2/21/2016	20-21

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Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools	Wauneta	Kate Hatch	3/29/2017	21-22
Wausa Public Schools	Wausa	Jeff Messersmith	4/10/2019	23-24
Waverly School District 145	Waverly	Karen Flora	9/25/2016	21-22
Wayne Community Schools	Wayne	Drew Moore	12/3/2018	23-24
Weeping Water Public Schools	Weeping Water	Michael Montgomery	3/16/2017	21-22
West Holt Public Schools	Atkinson	Denise O'Brien	2/5/2020	24-25
West Point Public School	West Point	Josh Fields	2/23/2016	20-21
Westside Community Schools	Omaha	David Barnett	4/24/2016	20-21
Wheeler Central Schools	Bartlett	Amy Shane	4/30/2019	23-24
Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools	Wilber	Kent Miller	3/14/2016	20-21
Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools	Wilcox	Stephen Osborn	2/18/2019	23-24
Winnebago Public Schools	Winnebago	Kent Miller	4/18/2016	20-21
Winside Public Schools	Winside	Justin Frederick	FALL 2020	24-25
Wisner-Pilger Public Schools	Wisner	Jeff Messersmith	FALL 2020	24-25
Wood River Rural Schools	Wood River	Jamie Isom	10/22/2019	24-25
Wynot Public Schools	Wynot	Dave Hamm	4/6/2016	20-21
York Public Schools	York	Vicki Demao	11/7/2010	20-21
Yutan Public Schools	Yutan	Trudy Clark	1/16/2019	23-24

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SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS**

<b><u>SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>LEADER</u></b>	<b><u>LAST VISIT</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT VISIT</u></b>
Geneva North	Geneva	Kim Snyder	4/3/2017	21-22
Kearney West High	Kearney	Rhonda Jindra	1/9/2017	21-22
Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility	Omaha	Don Loseke	4/25/2017	21-22
Pine Ridge Job Corps	Chadron	Lori Liggett	FALL 2020	24-25
University of Nebraska High School	Lincoln	Don Loseke	4/19/2018	22-23

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**EXTERNAL TEAM VISITS FOR CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS**

<b><u>NONPUBLIC SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>CITY</u></b>	<b><u>LEADER</u></b>	<b><u>LAST VISIT</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT VISIT</u></b>
St Michael's Elementary School	Albion	Deborah Wragge	2/17/2016	20-21
St Joseph's School	Atkinson	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	24-25
Daniel J Gross High School	Bellevue	Kim Gangwish	4/25/2017	21-22
St Mary Elementary School	Bellevue	Susie Sullivan	4/2/2019	23-24
St Matthew the Evangelist School	Bellevue	Freida Lange	2/23/2015	24-25
East Catholic Elementary School	Bow Valley	Andy Bishop	4/8/2016	20-21
Boys Town Schools	Boys Town	Vickie Kauffold	4/9/2018	22-23
Nebraska Christian Schools	Central City			20-21

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St John Neumann Elementary School	Clarkson	Betty Getzfred	3/3/2020	24-25
St Anthony School	Columbus	Don Loseke	4/10/2018	22-23
St Bonaventure School	Columbus	Don Loseke	4/10/2018	22-23
St Isidore Elementary School	Columbus	Don Loseke	4/10/2018	22-23
Scotus Central Catholic	Columbus	Matt Heibel	3/19/2018	22-23
St Ludger Elementary School	Creighton	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	24-25
St Rose of Lima Elementary School	Crofton	Micki Charf	10/21/2019	24-25
Aquinas-St Mary Catholic Schools	David City	Matt Heibel	3/18/2019	23-24
St Wenceslaus Elementary School	Dodge	Pamela Kay Smith	FALL 2020	24-25
Pope John XXIII High School	Elgin	Terry Kathol	3/29/2017	21-22
St Boniface Elementary School	Elgin	Terry Kathol	3/29/2017	21-22
Mt Michael Benedictine High School	Elkhorn	Susie Sisson	FALL 2020	24-25
St Patrick's Catholic School	Elkhorn	Susie Sisson	3/12/2019	23-24
Sacred Heart Schools	Falls City	Pat Geary	3/29/2016	20-21
West Catholic Elementary School	Fordyce	Andy Bishop	4/8/2016	20-21
Archbishop Bergan Elementary School	Fremont	Matt Heibel	3/12/2018	22-23
Archbishop Bergan School	Fremont	Matt Heibel	3/12/2018	22-23
Central Catholic Schools	Grand Island	Matt Heibel	3/28/2017	21-22
Cedar Catholic High School	Hartington	Don Loseke	3/14/2017	21-22
Holy Trinity Elementary School	Hartington	Cheryl Castle	3/14/2017	21-22
Hastings Catholic Schools	Hastings	Chris Nelson	4/4/2019	23-24
Howells Community Catholic School	Howells	Pamela Kay Smith	FALL 2020	24-25
St Francis Schools	Humphrey	Don Loseke	3/22/2018	22-23
Kearney Catholic Schools	Kearney	Jennifer Dunn	2/23/2016	20-21
Lincoln Christian Schools	Lincoln	Dennis McGuire	2/16/2016	20-21
Lincoln Lutheran Middle/High School	Lincoln	Terry Kathol	FALL 2020	24-25
Parkview Christian	Lincoln	Victor Fordyce	3/14/2016	20-21
Pius X High School	Lincoln	Larry Dlugosh	3/6/2017	21-22
Holy Family School	Lindsay	Barbara Schweiger	4/17/2019	23-24
St Leonard's Elementary School	Madison	Betty Getzfred	2/16/2020	24-25
Nebraska City Lourdes Central	Nebraska City	David McMahon	4/13/2016	20-21
Lutheran High Northeast	Norfolk			20-21
Norfolk Catholic Schools	Norfolk	Kim Gangwish	4/3/2017	21-22
North Platte Catholic Schools	North Platte	Andy Bishop	FALL 2020	24-25
All Saints Catholic Schools	Omaha	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	23-24
Brownell Talbot Schools	Omaha	Don M. Schawang	3/1/2020	24-25
Christ the King Catholic School	Omaha	Trish Wallinger	FALL 2020	24-25
Creighton Preparatory School	Omaha	Roseanne Williby	4/4/2017	21-22
Duchesne Academy	Omaha	Trish Wallinger	11/13/2019	24-25
Holy Cross Catholic School	Omaha	Jim Makey	3/7/2017	21-22
Holy Name School	Omaha	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	23-24
Jesuit Academy	Omaha	Terry Kathol	FALL 2020	24-25
Madonna School	Omaha	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	24-25
Marian High School	Omaha	Roseanne Williby	4/8/2018	22-23
Mary Our Queen Elementary School	Omaha	Chris Nelson	FALL 2020	24-25

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Mercy High School	Omaha	Freida Lange	FALL 2020	24-25
Nelson Mandela School	Omaha			20-21
Omaha Christian Academy	Omaha	Becky Shames	4/16/2013	23-24
Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary	Omaha	Marilyn Wiebelhaus	4/5/2017	21-22
Roncalli Catholic High School	Omaha	George Toman	FALL 2020	24-25
Sacred Heart Elementary School	Omaha	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	23-24
St Bernadette Catholic School	Omaha	Fr Lawrence Stoley	3/29/2017	21-22
St Bernard Elementary School	Omaha	Andy Bishop	4/19/2018	22-23
St Cecilia Cathedral School	Omaha	Jennifer Dunn	3/22/2017	21-22
St James-Seton Elementary School	Omaha	Gary Davis	3/22/2018	22-23
St Joan of Arc Elementary School	Omaha	Barbara Schweiger	3/16/2018	22-23
St Margaret Mary Elementary School	Omaha	Andy Bishop	3/31/2017	21-22
St Philip Neri Elementary School	Omaha	Sandra Suiter	3/13/2018	22-23
St Pius X/St Leo Elementary	Omaha	Pat Geary	4/23/2017	21-22
St Robert Bellarmine Elementary	Omaha	Chris Nelson	3/8/2016	20-21
St Stephen the Martyr	Omaha	Chris Nelson	FALL 2020	24-25
St Thomas More Elementary	Omaha	Cyndi Rotter-Hansen	FALL 2020	24-25
St Vincent dePaul Elementary School	Omaha	Pamela Kay Smith	3/15/2017	21-22
St Wenceslaus School	Omaha	Barbara Schweiger	4/6/2017	21-22
Sts Peter & Paul Elementary School	Omaha	Mary Duffy	3/30/2017	21-22
Skutt Catholic High School	Omaha	Dennis McGuire	3/22/2017	21-22
St Mary's Schools	O'Neill	Terry Weare	1/19/2017	21-22
St Mary Elementary School	Osmond	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	24-25
St Columbkille Catholic School	Papillion	Trish Wallinger	4/10/2019	23-24
St Gerald Elementary School	Ralston	Sandra Suiter	3/29/2017	21-22
St Michael Elementary School	South Sioux City	Donald Blackbird	4/4/2017	21-22
Bishop Neumann High School	Wahoo	Barbara Schweiger	4/4/2016	20-21
St Mary Elementary School	Wayne	Don Loseke	FALL 2020	24-25
Guardian Angels Central Catholic	West Point	Don Loseke	4/3/2017	21-22
St Augustine Elementary School	Winnebago	Betty Getzfred	3/15/2016	20-21

## IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCREDITATION IN NEBRASKA

Rule 10 (*Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*) establishes minimum requirements for the legal operation of all public schools in Nebraska and those nonpublic schools that elect to operate as accredited rather than approved. The Rule establishes equality of opportunity for all students, but it also provides schools flexibility in how they may meet the requirements. While all teachers, for example must be certificated, schools are afforded some latitude in matching assignments and endorsements. Schools may exercise a number of options in offering high school courses ranging from cooperative arrangements with other schools or agencies to synchronous and asynchronous distance education agreements.

Rule 10, *Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*, was last revised with an effective date of August 1, 2015. The State Board of Education has made the decision to reopen Rule 10 and begin a revision process. The Accreditation Section of the Office of Accountability, Accreditation, and Program Approval, Nebraska Department of Education, is managing this Rule 10 revision process.

Rule 10 is clearly not a static document; it is, rather, responsive to a number of influences and events. The rule continues to achieve its purposes of ensuring equity for Nebraska's elementary and secondary students, supporting quality learning, encouraging constant improvement, and advancing accountability. Nebraska schools continue to meet the requirements of accreditation and are actively working to improve student learning.

## APPENDIX A

### NEBRASKA STATUTE 79-703

#### **79-703. Public schools; approval and accreditation standards; accreditation committee; duties; legislative intent.**

(1) To ensure both equality of opportunity and quality of programs offered, all public schools in the state shall be required to meet quality and performance-based approval or accreditation standards as prescribed by the State Board of Education. The board shall establish a core curriculum standard, which shall include multicultural education and vocational education courses, for all public schools in the state. Accreditation and approval standards shall be designed to assure effective schooling and quality of instructional programs regardless of school size, wealth, or geographic location. The board shall recognize and encourage the maximum use of cooperative programs and may provide for approval or accreditation of programs on a cooperative basis, including the sharing of administrative and instructional staff, between school districts for the purpose of meeting the approval and accreditation requirements established pursuant to this section and section 79-318.

(2) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint an accreditation committee which shall be representative of the educational institutions and agencies of the state and shall include as a member the director of admissions of the University of Nebraska.

(3) The accreditation committee shall be responsible for: (a) Recommending appropriate standards and policies with respect to the accreditation and classification of schools; and (b) making recommendations annually to the commissioner relative to the accreditation and classification of individual schools. No school shall be considered for accreditation status which has not first fulfilled all requirements for an approved school.

(4) By school year 1993-94 all public schools in the state shall be accredited.

(5) It is the intent of the Legislature that all public school students shall have access to all educational services required of accredited schools. Such services may be provided through cooperative programs or alternative methods of delivery.