NDE: Announcements/Reminders from School Finance & Organization Services (December)

Availability of the Data Components Used in the 2022/23 State Aid Calculations (November 30-December 2, 2021)

On or before March 1, 2022, this office will certify the 2022/23 State Aid to school districts. In preparation of this certification, the raw data components (excluding Advisor, CDC, and GMS collections) used in the 2022/23 State Aid calculations are available on the NDE Portal web site at http://portal.education.ne.gov. Check your district’s information and contact this office immediately if you see any data errors. Corrections will only be accepted through email communication to Kevin Lyons.

This information will be removed from the Portal on Thursday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. CT. Any corrections received after that time will be incorporated into the year-end recalculation of 2022/23 State Aid.

- Contact: Kevin Lyons at (402) 450-1418 or kevin.lyons@nebraska.gov

Information/Documents Recently Made Available

Rule 1 and Rule 2 updates were approved by the Governor and became effective on November 1.

**Rule 1 Change Summary**
Rule 1 was updated to add a requirement for auditors to sample expense allocations at the school building level in response to the Every Student Succeeds Act requirement that makes publicly available building level per pupil cost information. The other substantive change requires auditors to submit schedules as proposed by NDE. All other proposed changes are technical changes such as updating the State student information system from NSSRS to ADVISER. Here is a link to the updated rule. https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Clean_Rule1_2021.pdf

**Rule 2 Change Summary**
All proposed changes to Rule 2 are technical changes to line up to the new accounting code structure and eliminate obsolete language. Here is the link to the updated rule. https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Clean_Rule2_2021.pdf

**Textbook Loan Program (Rule 4) – 2021/22 Appropriation**
Rule 4 ("Regulations for Textbook Loans to Children Enrolled in Private Schools in Nebraska") is the applicable rule for the textbook loan process and the disbursement of the monies. The total 2021/22 appropriation (to be used for book distributions beginning in the 2022/23 school year) is $1,465,500. Textbook Loan Program documents are available at http://www.education.ne.gov/FOS/OrgServices/TextbookLoan/Index.html.

- Contact: Beth Bolte at (402) 471-2795 or beth.bolte@nebraska.gov
Information from the GMS Team (see attached)

Upcoming

Auditor’s Letter to Management/School District’s Response to Compliance or Control Issues Noted in the Audit (Due January 31, 2022)
If the school district audit has any compliance or control issues noted by the auditor in either the actual audit or in a separate Letter to Management, the school district is required to respond to these issues with a response letter to the auditor according to Rule 1, Regulations Governing Audit Procedures. The district’s response must provide rationale or detail corrective actions as resolution to the auditor’s concerns. Since these documents are elements of the audit, the audit requirement will not be considered complete until these items have been filed with the Department. Please upload (no email or hardcopy by mail accepted) your documents through the NDE Portal in “Annual Financial Report – 2020/21” under the Data Collections tab “Upload Audit & Documents.”

- Contacts:
  - Michelle Cartwright at (402) 450-0867 or michelle.cartwright@nebraska.gov
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Statistical Information for Public School Districts
By the middle of January, the Statistical Information for Public School Districts (including levy & valuation information) for the 2021/22 school year will be available (in Adobe Acrobat/pdf and Excel formats) at https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/statistical-information-for-public-school-districts-levy-and-valuation-information/.

This bulletin is sent monthly to ESU administrators, and public school superintendents and business managers. A copy of the most recent bulletin is available on the FOS website. Please forward this email to all appropriate personnel so they are aware of this information.
Grants Management System (GMS) Final Reimbursement Request Due Date Reminder

Public School Districts, ESUs and Postsecondary Schools

Due Dates to “create” and “submit” 2020-2021 Final Reimbursement Request in GMS are as follows:

September 1, 2021

- 2020-2021 Perkins Consolidated-6720
- 2020-2021 Perkins Post-Secondary-6701
- 2020-2021 Perkins reVISION Action-6741
- 2020-2021 Perkins Secondary-6700

October 15, 2021

- 2020-2021 IDEA Consolidated Application
  IDEA Part B-619-Preschool-6406
  IDEA Part B-611 EP-6408
  IDEA CEIS-6411
  IDEA Non-Public- 6412
- 2020-2021 – Support Services - Flex Funding – Below Age 5 -1195
- 2020-2021 – Support Services- Flex Funding – School Age - 1125

November 15, 2021

- 2020-2021 21st CCLC Continuation Grant-6968
- 2020-2021 CCLC First Time Grant-6968
- 2020-2021 McKinney-Vento Homeless Competitive Grant-6991
- 2020-2021 Migrant-Title IC-6915
- 2020-2021 SPED Planning Region Team Grant-6416
• 2020-2021 ESSA Consolidated – 6201
  Title I-6200
  Title ID - N or D – 6230
  Title II-A – 6310
  Title III-EL-6925
  Title III – Immigration Education – 6926
  Title IV-A-SSAE – Formula-6969

• 2020-2021 Title I-Support for Improvement-6212

• 2020-2021 Title ID-Stage Agency Neglect or Delinquent-6001

December 31, 2021

• 2020-2021 Early Childhood Education Grant Program-3540

• 2020-2021 Early Childhood Endowment Grant-3540

The system will prevent a user from creating a “final” if a pending RR is in submitted status. If you get this message, NDE suggests submitting a RR by not marking it “final”. NDE will return the RR upon review to have it modified to a final. Doing so will prevent your district from late submission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the appropriate NDE Financial Services staff member at [https://www.education.ne.gov/gms2/index.html](https://www.education.ne.gov/gms2/index.html)

Contact Information: NDE Helpdesk ([ADVISERHelp@nebrakacloud.org](mailto:ADVISERHelp@nebrakacloud.org))