



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

Effective January 1, 2022

New Rate for Mileage Reimbursement

The IRS announced that effective January 1, 2022, the 2022 reimbursement rate is increased to \$.585. Prior to January 1, 2022, the rate was \$.56. The rates for regular pupil transportation (non-special education) and enrollment option transportation are available on the FOS/Reimbursement Rates webpage at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/reimbursement-rates/>.

Upcoming Due Dates/Dates of Importance

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."

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Textbook Loan Program (Rule 4) / Application for Distribution of Funds (Appendix C) (Due February 15, 2022)

For school districts that participate in the Textbook Loan Program, the Application for Distribution of Funds (Appendix C) is due February 15. **Reminder: Completion of the Appendix C is contingent on the Appendix A's (Application for Loan of Textbooks) submitted to your school district by January 15, 2022.*

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 - Website: <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/textbook-loan-program-rule-4/>

Information/Documents Recently Made Available

FMCSA Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Requirement for Entry-Level Drivers Beginning February 7, 2022

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is requiring additional training for entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMV's) as required by the new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations. The additional training goes into effect for new CDL drivers or for drivers upgrading their CDL after Feb 7, 2022. For more information on these Federal requirements please click on the following link <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/>.

Upcoming

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/>.

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