

Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council
Educational Resources Committee Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020, 1:45 PM
ESU 10 plus Zoom, 6949 South 110th Street, LaVista, NE 68128

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda Item

1. Special Populations

1. NeSoc Opportunity - Understanding Youth Populations with Low-Cognitive Disorder and Mental Illness

2. NDE Special Education Update

1. Friday Newsblast - November 22, 2019

2. Friday Newsblast - December 6

3. Friday Newsblast - December 13, 2019

4. Friday Newsblast - December 20, 2019

5. Friday Newsblast - January 10, 2020

3. ESPD Report

4. Behavioral Health

1. Nebraska School Mental Health Conference Call For Proposals

5. SRS Staff Report

2. PDO (Professional Development Organization)

1. PDO Meetings

1. PDO - January 15-16, 2020

2. John Hattie Training - Visible Learning
2. NDE Updates
3. Monthly Talking Points
4. High Quality Instructional Materials Fellowship
4. Next Meeting Agenda Items
5. Adjournment

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Understanding Youth Populations with Low-Cognitive Disorder and Mental Illness

In this all-day workshop, registrants will gain techniques and strategies for working with clients affected by co-occurring I/DD and mental health disorders, understand the prevalence of co-occurring I/DD and mental health disorders, EBP adaptations, using assessment tools to measure progress, treatment planning, medication management, and working with caregivers and psychiatrists.

Presented by: Bill Reay, Ph.D. and president, Omni Inventive Care, Omaha NE

Intended audience: mental health therapists, probation workers, case managers, providers, direct care staff, criminal justice and law enforcement, community stakeholders, and family members.

\$20 registration fee includes continental breakfast, light afternoon snack, and 5.5 social work/mental health and criminogenic approved CEUs.

SCOTTSBLUFF

Western Nebraska Community College | 1601 E 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE

Monday, January 27 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (check-in and continental breakfast served from 8:30 – 9:00)

[Click here to register for January 27 in Scottsbluff \(\\$20\)](#)

VALENTINE

Mid-Plains Community College | 715 E Highway 20, Valentine, NE

Tuesday, January 28 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (check-in and continental breakfast served from 8:30 – 9:00)

[Click here to register for January 28 in Valentine \(\\$20\)](#)

LEXINGTON

Central Community College | 1501 Plum Creek Pkwy, Lexington, NE

Monday, February 10 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (check-in and continental breakfast served from 8:30 – 9:00)

[Click here to register for February 10 in Lexington \(\\$20\)](#)

O'NEILL

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 505 US-20, O'NEILL, NE

Tuesday, February 11 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (check-in and continental breakfast served from 8:30 – 9:00)

[Click here to register for February 11 in O'Neill \(\\$20\)](#)

NEBRASKA CITY

MORTON-JAMES PUBLIC LIBRARY (NORTH MEETING ROOM) | 923 1ST CORSO, NEBRASKA CITY, NE

Tuesday, February 18 from 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. (check-in and continental breakfast served from 9:30 – 10:00)

[Click here to register for February 18 in Nebraska City \(\\$20\)](#)

MAHONEY STATE PARK

PETER KIEWIT LODGE | 28500 W PARK HWY, ASHLAND, NE

Thursday, February 20 from 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (check-in and continental breakfast served from 8:30 – 9:00)

[Click here to register for February 20 at Mahoney State Park \(\\$20\)](#)



Memo

To: Special Education Directors and Supervisors

From: The NDE – Office of Special Education

Date: 12/3/2019

Re: Clarification on guidance for 92 NAC 51 – 009.04 and IDEA 60 Day Timeline for School Age Children

The NDE, Office of Special Education, based on a recent clarification letter from OSEP is issuing the following clarification around **initial evaluation timelines** and calculating these timelines including school breaks:

Evaluation Timelines - School Breaks

Under 34 CFR § 300.301(c)(1), the initial evaluation must be conducted within 60 days after receiving parental consent for the evaluation or, if the State establishes a timeframe within which the evaluation must be conducted, ***within that timeframe***. Pursuant to 34 CFR § 300.301(d), the timeframe does not apply if: (1) the parent of a child repeatedly fails or refuses to produce the child for evaluation; or (2) a child enrolls in a school of another public agency after the relevant timeframe in 34 CFR § 300.301(c)(1) has begun, and prior to a determination by the child's previous public agency as to whether the child is a child with a disability under 34 CFR § 300.8. In the regulations, a day is a calendar day unless otherwise indicated as a business day or school day. 34 CFR § 300.11.

Per 92 NAC 51-009.04, Nebraska has established a timeline for completion of the ***initial*** multidisciplinary evaluation for children ages 3-21 within 45 school days of receipt of parental consent.

State-established timeframes generally also incorporates the exceptions in 34 CFR § 300.301(d), as described above. There is no exception in 34 CFR § 300.301(d) that

would permit the applicable initial evaluation timeline to be suspended because of a school break (i.e. summer break, holiday break, etc.). **Based on the above clarification from OSEP, 92 NAC 51 - 009.04 (45 school days) can not supersede the 60 calendar days regardless of school breaks (i.e. summer vacation, holiday breaks, ect.).**

We recognize that this is in contradiction to previous guidance, however, based on the clarification from OSEP, dated 12/2/19, the Nebraska Department of Education – Office of Special Education will be enforcing the current policy clarification and will be updating 92 NAC 51 to be in compliance with the federal regulations.

Attached you will find the rescinded guidance around the 60 day timeline from 8/28/19 for your reference in this matter. If you have further questions, please contact Amy Rhone, Assistant Director at amy.rhone@nebraska.gov.




PROVIDER BULLETIN

No. 19-16

DATE: December 12, 2019

TO: Speech Therapists participating in School-based Services as well as Community Services through the Nebraska Medicaid Program

FROM: Matthew A. Van Patton, DHA, Director
Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care 

BY: Jennifer Irvine, Program Coordinator

RE: Billing for Speech Therapy services in the community and school-based services.

This provider bulletin is being issued as a reminder to Medicaid providers of billing requirements for providing services in schools. When services are provided in a school and the provider is contracted by the school to provide school-based services for special education children the provider cannot bill Nebraska Medicaid fee-for-service or a Heritage Health Plan.

According to 471 NAC 2-002.03 billing Nebraska Medicaid twice for the same service, or billing both Nebraska Medicaid and another insurer or government program would constitute duplicate billing and is prohibited.

Questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to DHHS.SchoolBasedServices@nebraska.gov.

Provider Bulletins, such as this one, are posted on the DHHS website at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/Medicaid-Provider-Bulletins.aspx>. Please subscribe to the page to help you stay up to date about new Provider Bulletins.

Join us at:

THE 2020 NDE TRANSITION CONFERENCE:

Dream It! Plan It! Do It!

February 18-19, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Younes Conference Center, 416 Talmadge Rd, Kearney, NE 68845



Keynotes:

Anthony Ianni, Motivational Speaker

Lori Peterson, University of Northern Colorado

Also:

Leena Jo Landmark and **Vickie Mitchell**, Garrett Center on Transition and Disability Studies

New:

Sessions for Parents of Secondary Youth with Disabilities with discounted registration fee

Registration:

<https://odie.esu10.org/workshops/SectionDetails.aspx?SectionID=5731>




ESUCC Educational Resources

SRS Update

Scott Isaacson

January, 2020

47 development tickets have been resolved since our November report. 15 issues are planned for development, in progress, or in testing for this week. 123 issues are in the developer backlog, which has begun to include new features. Anthony Maggio joined our team as a software developer on December 16th, 2019 and is already making a positive impact on our project. Helpdesk requests and open tickets continue to decline. As of January 12th, 2020, there are 474 open tickets, down about 100 from November. As assessment roster data was needed by January 8th, some tickets were opened for help with ADVISER reporting in late December and early January. The team held a positive and constructive meeting with the SRS advisory board on December 19th, 2019. This group is starting to look toward enhancements now that more of the major existing features are working correctly. Some areas of interest include 504 plan tracking, MTSS support, and an at-a-glance to-do/checklist for school and district SRS administrators.



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2017-2026 STRATEGIC VISION AND DIRECTION

Nebraska State Board of Education and Nebraska
Department of Education

12/02/16

Nebraska State Board of Education

The State Board of Education is an elected, constitutional body that is the policy forming and evaluative body for the state school program (79-301 (2) R.R.S.) in addition to ensuring the State Department of Education functions effectively within the framework developed by the state Legislature and the Board. The Board is elected on a non-partisan ballot, with one member from each district. Board members serve four-year terms.

District 3: Rachel Wise, President

District 1: Lillie Larsen, Vice President

District 2: Glen Flint

District 4: John Witzel

District 5: Patricia Timm

District 6: Maureen Nickels

District 7: Molly O 'Holleran

District 8: Patrick McPherson

Nebraska Department of Education

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is a constitutional agency comprised of services, programs, Vocational Rehabilitation (Nebraska VR), and Disabilities Determination Section (DDS). The NDE operates under the authority of an elected State Board of Education (Board) and the Commissioner of Education (Commissioner). The NDE is organized into teams that carry out the duties assigned by state and federal statutes and the policy directions of the Board. Teams are organized around distinct functions and responsibilities that encompass leadership and support for Nebraska's system of early childhood, primary, secondary, and postsecondary education; direct services to clients; and internal support to the agency.

The NDE carries out its duties on behalf of Nebraska students and parents involved in public and nonpublic school systems. The NDE staff interacts with schools, parents, businesses, community partners, and institutions of higher education to develop, coordinate, and improve educational programs and services.

Commissioner of Education: Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.

Strategic Vision and Direction – 2017-2026

Introduction

In January of 2016, the Board and the NDE initiated the development of a Strategic Plan to guide the vision and direction of education in Nebraska for the next ten years. Nebraska's Strategic Plan to be known as **Nebraska Quality Education Systems for Today and Tomorrow (NEQuESTT)** represents the evolution of a philosophical and practical approach to supporting education in Nebraska. This commitment unifies and strengthens positive outcomes for each and every Nebraskan through bold and achievable goals. **NEQuESTT** not only outlines the critical needs and strengths within the system, but also reflects innovative approaches to ensure each Nebraskan has equitable access to opportunities and are ready for success in postsecondary, career, and civic life. **NEQuESTT** is the educational journey that puts forth a new vision and bold agenda for the system of education in Nebraska. This vision will require new and different ways of working together, stretching beyond the status quo, and engaging stakeholders through collaborative processes. The strategic plan defines a direction for accountability and a system of services and supports without losing sight of the importance of ensuring compliance with state and federal policies.

NEQuESTT guides the Board and the NDE to address some of the most urgent priorities within Nebraska. With an intentional and comprehensive focus on ensuring a reduction in educational inequities for the most vulnerable populations, this strategic plan directs focus on student- or client-centered outcomes, high quality opportunities, and a strong system of support **for every student, every day**.

NEQuESTT and AQuESTT

NEQuESTT aligns with Nebraska's accountability system, Accountability for a Quality Education System Today and Tomorrow (**AQuESTT**). The six critical tenets of **AQuESTT** holistically address accountability and quality education in Nebraska. Originally designed to meet statutory accountability requirements, **AQuESTT** has quickly grown beyond and guides the NDE and its work.

AQuESTT provides a fundamental focus on achievement and opportunity gaps and ensures strategies produce equitable outcomes for each and every learner. As a result, **NEQuESTT** includes goals with benchmarks that measure disaggregated data to ensure equity and access.

Roles:

In order to support strategic priorities, a suite of approaches is utilized that reflects the nuance of the work and the many stakeholders, systems, and partners that intersect to support a state education system. The various roles are:

Champion - NDE actively leads the strategic vision, goals, and policy direction to support learning, earning, and living by:

- Engaging key stakeholders and partners on emerging needs in the educational landscape and corresponding policy advocacy approach
- Exercising policy leadership and proactively engaging and partnering with the Unicameral and Governor on priority issues
- Advocating for necessary resources to meet needs and/or address issues to execute the vision

Regulator - NDE leverages policy authority to ensure delivery of high-quality, equitable education and services, beyond compliance with state and federal regulations by:

- Assuring access to fair, equitable, and high-quality education and services
- Monitoring school and districts to ensure adherence to regulations and setting expectations beyond compliance for accountability and growth in learning
- Promoting best practices for leadership and using data and resources to ensure effective continuous improvement

Capacity Builder - NDE directs technical assistance and professional development opportunities and promotes the sharing of best practices by:

- Providing technical assistance and professional development opportunities for educators, staff, and community providers
- Actively engaging with priority and needs improvement schools as well as continuing to support the improvement of all schools
- Identifying schools and districts across the state with effective educational practices to gather data on successful practices
- Acting as a facilitator to connect schools to highlight learnings, share lessons learned, and communicate best practices
- Developing, maintaining, and leveraging strong working relationships with education and community partners to extend and enhance capacity across the state

Connector - NDE helps bridge the divide between learning, earning, and living, connecting schools, families, business, and communities by:

- Connecting, convening, and partnering with schools, businesses, out-of-school programs, postsecondary education, state agencies, and community providers to create a more comprehensive approach to education and service delivery
- Supporting other agencies and organizations in active engagement and relationship building amongst individuals, parents, and families

Change Agent - NDE explores and supports promising new innovations by:

- Researching, promoting, and providing support for promising new initiatives and innovations in education across the state and nation (e.g., promising activities in rural areas, blended learning, personalized learning, adult basic education)
- Providing ongoing training, support, and resources to drive the adoption of new practices and to assure implementation

Strategic Direction:

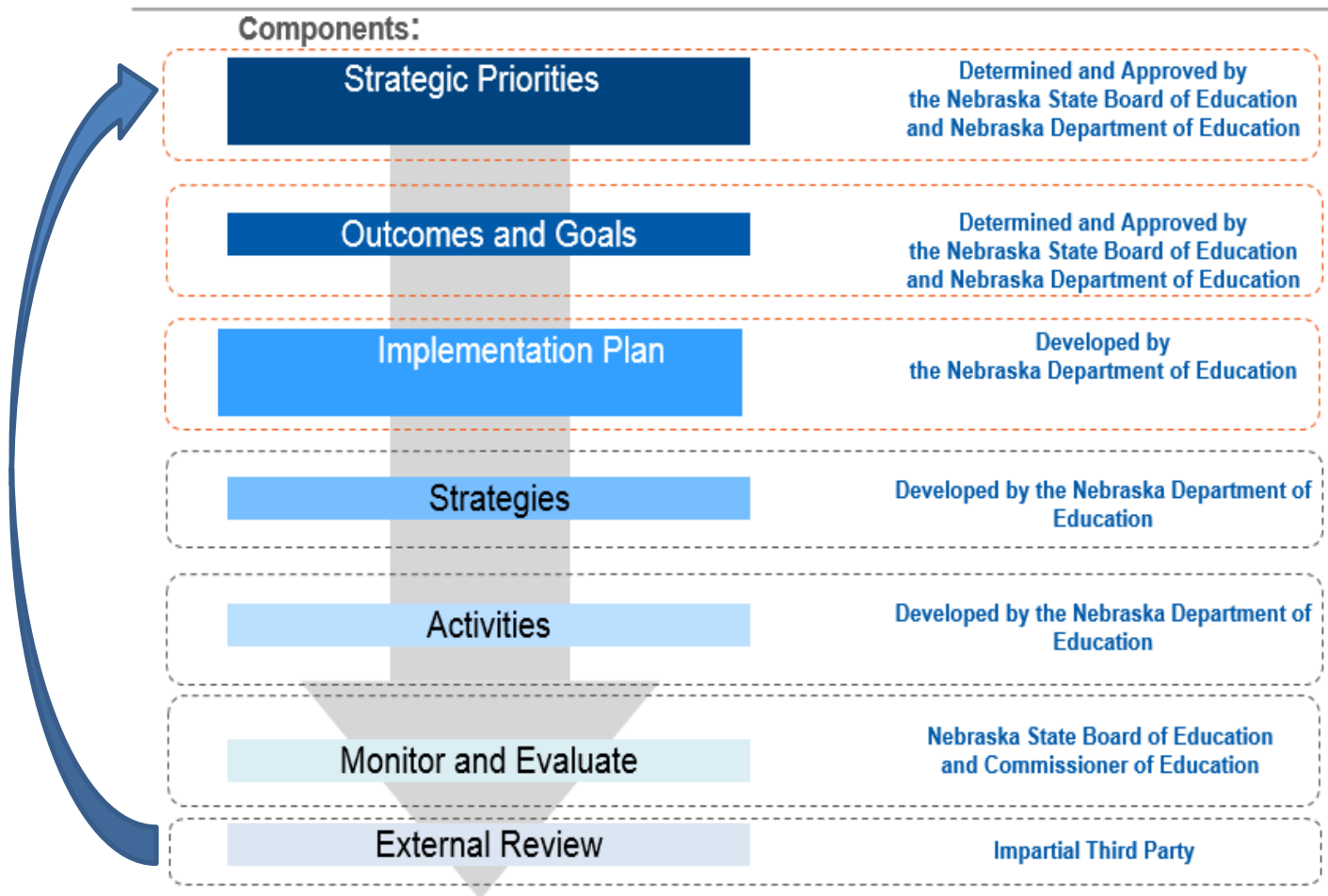
To realize the new strategic vision it can no longer be business as usual.

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational structure primarily oriented around subject area silos Decision-making authority mostly concentrated in hands of senior agency leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More cross-functional, with collaboration and communication across teams More distributed decision-making authority, where staff closer to the issue is empowered to make relevant decisions
PERSONNEL & STAFFING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff with very specific skills focused primarily on content knowledge Traditional focus on regulation and compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broader staff expertise, including both content knowledge and breadth of experiences (e.g., relationship building, background in business, work with underserved communities) Focus on leadership, innovation, and learning
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporadic engagement on an as-needed basis Limited engagement with specific populations or cultural communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent and tailored stakeholder engagement plans for specific audiences, allowing authentic relationships and dialogue to develop
DATA & SYSTEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited publicly accessible data Focus on accountability and compliance Cumbersome website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Readily available data for all stakeholders from an easy to use, up-to-date platform Focus on performance management User-friendly website and an online portal with lessons learned and best practices for practitioners

Moving Forward:

The Board has taken into account the multiple roles of the NDE in the development of this strategic plan and in the expectations set forth for the NDE. This recognition is coupled with the expectation of providing quality, equitable support through a multi-faceted system under the charge of the NDE. The shared responsibility of leadership between the Board and the Commissioner includes developing this plan, monitoring goals, and implementing strategies through the NDE's programs and supports for schools, students, systems and clients across the state. The Board carries out this strategic plan through direction to the Commissioner. The Commissioner has the responsibility to build an implementation plan that makes **NEQUESTT** a living document utilizing the aforementioned roles and strategic direction outlined for organizational structure; personnel and staffing; stakeholder engagement; and data and systems.

The strategic plan is multi-layered.



Operational Approach:

NEQUESTT provides a framework for measuring multiple levels and processes to ensure success through standard, quantifiable metrics, artifacts, and evidence-based analyses utilizing a three-tiered approach:

- **NDE Accountability** – Process, regulations, support, interagency collaboration, data systems, fiscal responsibility, and evaluation
- **Service Accountability** – Quality and success of services provided by the agency
- **District and School Accountability** – School and agency progress and improvement

Strategic Priorities, Outcomes, and Goals:

The Board and Commissioner will regularly review these goals as organized by the strategic priorities and outcomes. The NDE goals will include Commissioner and Board activities necessary to build the department's system of accountability and support for services and schools. The NDE will track progress on these goals and other metrics required by state and federal law. The Commissioner will annually report progress on these goals and other measures to report progress and performance to the Board.

Implement, Monitor, and Evaluate:

The Board and the Commissioner share the responsibility to:

- champion and lead the strategic vision and goals.
- serve as change agents and capacity builders.
- ensure progress on the strategic priorities.

The Board and the Commissioner will be responsible for implementing this plan including the development of strategies, and activities, and monitoring on an annual basis. A review will be presented by the Commissioner and appropriate NDE personnel annually or as directed. An objective external review of **NEQUESTT** will be conducted by an impartial third-party reviewer two years after adoption and thereafter as determined by the Board with results being presented to stakeholders.

MISSION

To lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

NDE will:

- Create a dynamic vision that drives change through proactive leadership to support learning;
 - Build connections amongst stakeholders to take action in support of success for all learners;
 - Provide all Nebraskans significant opportunity to receive fair, equitable, and high-quality education and services to close achievement gaps;
 - Allow all learners to achieve their fullest potential in transitioning through phases of school and into civic life;
 - Ensure all educators are effective in instructional strategies and monitoring student progress using multiple measures of proficiency; and
 - Prepare all learners to be college, career, and civic-ready.
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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Ensure that all Nebraskans, regardless of background or circumstances, have equitable access to opportunities for success

Increase the number of Nebraskans who are ready for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life

OUTCOME STATEMENTS

Leadership

Provide leadership and high quality services in processes, regulations, interagency collaboration, data systems, fiscal responsibility and evaluation that enhance the success of educational systems in Nebraska.

Success, Access, and Support

Positive Partnerships and Student Success – Increase student, family, and community engagement to enhance educational experiences and opportunities.

Transitions – Provide quality educational opportunities for student success through transitions between grade levels, programs, schools, postsecondary institutions, and careers.

Educational Opportunities and Access – Ensure that all students have access to comprehensive instructional opportunities to be prepared for postsecondary education and career.

Teaching, Learning, and Serving

College, Career, and Civic Ready – Ensure every student upon completion of secondary education is prepared for postsecondary education, career, and civic opportunities.

Assessment – Use assessments to measure and improve student achievement and inform instruction.

Educator Effectiveness – Assure that students are supported by qualified/credentialed, effective teachers and leaders throughout their learning experiences.

Leadership

Strategic Priority: Ensure that all Nebraskans, regardless of background or circumstances, have equitable access to opportunities for success.

Strategic Priority: Increase the number of Nebraskans who are ready for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life.

Outcome Statement: Provide leadership and high-quality services in processes, regulations, interagency collaboration, data systems, fiscal responsibility, and evaluation that enhance the success of educational systems in Nebraska.

- Goal 1.1** By 2018, the NDE will be organized through personnel and processes to provide leadership in school support systems, regulations, interagency collaboration, data systems, fiscal responsibility, and evaluation that will enhance the success of educational systems in Nebraska.
- Goal 1.2** By 2018, the Board and Commissioner will have a process in place to evaluate and ensure timely, high-quality services and systems of support provided by the Nebraska Department of Education.
- Goal 1.3** By 2020, 100% of teachers, service providers, school leaders and local school board members will have access to quality professional learning opportunities through an NDE facilitated professional learning directory.
- Goal 1.4** By 2020, the NDE will collaborate with the Governor, Legislature, postsecondary institutions, and the Educational Service Units (ESUs) to create a uniform process to align dual credit opportunities for students across the state.

Success, Access, and Support

Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success

Strategic Priority: Ensure that all Nebraskans, regardless of background or circumstances, have equitable access to opportunities for success.

Outcome Statement: Increase student, family, and community engagement to enhance educational experiences and opportunities.

Goal 2.1 By 2019, the NDE will develop a system to regularly engage and survey clients, schools, and stakeholders to gather input, and measure engagement and satisfaction.

Goal 2.2 By 2026, the dropout rate of all Nebraska students including subgroups will be less than 1%.

Goal 2.3 By 2026, 100% of Nebraska schools will have all students in grades 7-12 create and utilize a personal learning plan.

Goal 2.4 By 2026, there will be a reduction in the percentage of students who are absent more than 10 days per year from 27.46% to 15%.

Success, Access, and Support

Transitions

Strategic Priority: Ensure that all Nebraskans, regardless of background or circumstances, have equitable access to opportunities for success.

Outcome Statement: Provide quality educational opportunities for student success through transitions between grade levels, programs, schools, postsecondary institutions, and careers.

- Goal 3.1** By 2018, a baseline and benchmarks will be developed to track all students with a disability having access to participate in career counseling, explorations, self-advocacy training, and work-based learning experiences.
- Goal 3.2** By 2026, the 4-year cohort graduation rates for all Nebraska students will be greater than 92% and not less than 85% for any one subgroup.
- Goal 3.3** By 2026, the 7-year cohort graduation rates for all Nebraska students will be greater than 95% and not less than 90% for any one subgroup.
- Goal 3.4** By 2026, 100% of Nebraska schools will fully implement a systematic process for supporting the needs of highly-mobile students.

Success, Access, and Support
Educational Opportunities and Access

Strategic Priority: Ensure that all Nebraskans, regardless of background or circumstances, have equitable access to opportunities for success.

Outcome Statement: Ensure all students have access to comprehensive instructional opportunities to be prepared for postsecondary education and career.

Goal 4.1 **By 2020, NDE will develop a statewide digital course and content repository.**

Goal 4.2 **By 2026, 85% of all Nebraska students, upon graduation from high school, will have completed Advanced Placement coursework, earned dual credit and/or obtained industry certification.**

Goal 4.3 **By 2026, 95% of Nebraska elementary schools would be able to identify at least one high-quality early childhood educational program accessible to all of the school's resident preschool age population.**

Teaching, Learning, and Serving
College, Career, and Civic Ready

Strategic Priority: Increase the number of Nebraskans who are ready for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life.

Outcome Statement: Ensure every student upon completion of secondary education is prepared for postsecondary education, career, and civic opportunities.

Goal 5.1 **By 2018, the State Board will adopt a comprehensive approach to define and measure civic readiness.**

Goal 5.2 **By 2020, all Nebraska elementary schools will provide evidence-based interventions for any students not on grade level in reading and/or math.**

Goal 5.3 **By 2026, 100% of Nebraska schools will provide all students with a program for career awareness, exploration, and preparation.**

Goal 5.4 **By 2026, at least 50% of all Nebraska high school students from any given cohort year, will have earned a college degree, credential, or certificate within five years of graduating from high school.**

Teaching, Learning, and Serving

Assessment

Strategic Priority: Increase the number of Nebraskans who are ready for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life.

Outcome Statement: Use assessments to measure and improve student achievement and inform instruction.

- Goal 6.1** **By 2018, utilizing baseline data from the ACT, long-term goals will be developed for 11th grade achievement, including goals for subgroups.**

- Goal 6.2** **By 2018, the NDE will implement an assessment system to measure achievement and growth in grades 3-8 that meets the requirements of federal and state law and is timely for instructional purposes.**

- Goal 6.3** **By 2026, the percent of Nebraska students in grades 3-8 and 11 proficient in reading will increase from 79% to 89%.**

- Goal 6.4** **By 2026, the percent of Nebraska students in grades 3-8 and 11 proficient in math will increase from 72% to 82%.**

- Goal 6.5** **By 2026, the percent of Nebraska students in grades 3-8 and 11 proficient in science will increase from 72% to 82%.**

Teaching, Learning, and Serving

Educator Effectiveness

Strategic Priority: Increase the number of Nebraskans who are ready for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life.

Outcome Statement: Assure students are supported by qualified/credentialed, effective teachers and leaders throughout their learning experiences.

Goal 7.1 By 2018, NDE will develop and implement a statewide teacher equity plan.

Goal 7.2 By 2020, 100% of Nebraska schools will utilize performance standards and a research-based evaluation system for all certificated staff as aligned to Rule 10.

Goal 7.3 By 2022, 100% of Nebraska schools will be staffed by teachers who have or are actively pursuing a teaching certificate with the appropriate endorsement for the subject(s) and grade level(s) of the course(s) being taught.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Nebraska State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education give special thanks to the many partners who have provided input in the development of this strategic plan. We also recognize and appreciate the grant support of the Peter Kiewit Foundation and the Sherwood Foundation. The NDE is excited to continue collaboration in leading and supporting the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living.