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Charting the Future in Nebraska

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Profile of Nebraska

- 77,358 Square Miles (16th Largest State)
- 1,711,263 People (38th Most Populous State)
- 93 Counties
- 254 School Districts (520 Districts in 2005)
- 5 Special Purpose Schools and 26 Interim-Program Schools
- 287,135 Students in Public Schools
Special Purpose Schools

- Located in State Juvenile Correctional Centers, Adult Prisons & Federal Work Camp
- Accredited by State Board of Education
- Intended for Longer Length of Stay
- Similar to Public Schools
- Issue Academic Credits & Diplomas
- Special Education & Academic Assessments
Interim-Program Schools

- Located in Juvenile Detention Centers, Emergency Shelters and Institutions
- Continuity of Instruction if Cannot Attend Public School for Health or Safety Reasons
- Academic Credits Transfer to Public School
- Enrollment Remains at Home School District
- Special Education and Academic Assessments Remain Responsibility of Home School District
Students in Out-of-Home Placements

- On Any Given Day, approximately 1,350 Students attending Interim-Program Schools and Special Purpose Schools
- In One Year, more than 7,000 Admissions to Interim-Program Schools and Special Purpose Schools
- Approximately 55% are State Wards
- Average of 34% with Verified Disabilities, Ranging from 15% to 100% depending on Type of Placement
Nebraska’s Juvenile Justice System

- 3 Separate Juvenile Courts
- 90 County Courts serving as Juvenile Courts
- Tribal Courts
- County Attorney makes Initial Decision on Filing Case in Juvenile or Criminal Court
- Prior to Adjudication or Trial, Judge Decides if Case will be Transferred to Juvenile Court or Bound Over to Criminal Court
Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS)

- Primary Means of Data Collection on Students from Public Schools by Nebraska Dept. of Education
- 2005-2007: All Public Schools and Non-Public Schools assign NDE Student ID to Every Student
- 2007-2008: All Public School Districts Report Staff and Student Data
- 2008-2009: Special Education Data via NSSRS
- 2009-2010: All Non-Public Schools Begin Reporting Required Data
Types of Data

- Student Enrollment & Demographics
- Attendance
- Performance & Participation Rate in Reading, Writing, Math, Science & Social Studies
- Academic Credits & Grade Promotion
- Graduation Rate
- Drop Out Rate
- Special Education
- General Educational Development (GED)
- Career Education
What is Data Used For?

- Individual Student Performance on Standards
- Aggregated Assessment Results on Standards by School Building, District & State Totals
- Decision Making & Policy Recommendations
- Basis for Legislation & Regulations
- State & Federal Accountability
- State Aid, Program Funding & Reimbursement
- Program Planning & Evaluation
Nebraska’s Current Assessment System

- School-based, Teacher-led Assessment and Reporting System (STARS)
-Began 2000-2001 School Year
-Each School District Creates Own Formative Assessment System, including Portfolio of Teachers’ Classroom Assessments
-Teachers Involved Throughout Development and Assessment Process
Nebraska’s STARS

- Each School District Assesses How Well Students are Meeting Locally Developed Standards
- Local School District Assessments
  - Reading and Math: Grades 3-8 & High School
  - Science: Grades 4 or 5, 8 & 11
- Statewide Writing Assessment
  - Grades 4, 8 & 11
Nebraska’s STARS

- STARS focuses on Performance of All Students
- Goal is Improving Student Learning in Timely Fashion
- Broader Picture of School Performance with Focus on School Improvement
Assessment and Reporting in Special Purpose Schools

- Report Staff and Student Data via NSSRS
- Special Purpose School Reports Assessment Results via NSSRS
- Special Purpose School’s Assessment Results are Aggregated into Statewide Totals
- Included in annual *State of the Schools Report* under Statewide Totals
Assessment and Reporting in Interim-Program Schools

- Interim-Program Schools Report Only Staff Data via NSSRS
- Reporting Student Data and Assessment Results Remains Home School District’s Responsibility
- Assessment Results are Aggregated with Home School District
- Included in annual State of the Schools Report under Home School District
Nebraska’s Future Assessment System

- 2008 State Legislation - Changes Assessment System to Statewide Tests in Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies

- Statewide Reading Test goes into effect 2009-2010 School Year

- Continue with Statewide Writing Assessment in Grades 4, 8 and 11
Challenges in Measuring Academic Outcomes

- Single Statewide Test gives Limited and Delayed Information
- Identifying Assessment Results for Students in Interim-Program Schools
- Public School Districts are Only Source of Data for Students in Interim-Program Schools
Challenges in Data Collection and Reporting

- Student Snapshot Data Reflects Single Point in Time
- NSSRS Designed Specific to Public School Districts
- Additional Training and Technical Assistance
In an Ideal World . . .

- Parallel Data Collection and Reporting System for Students in Interim-Program Schools
- Linkage to NSSRS Data Warehouse
- Real-Time Query and Student Tracking System Accessible to All Schools and Other Involved Systems
- Common and Connected Data Collection and Reporting System among Multiple Agencies Involved with Students
Data Wish List

- Interim-Program School / Facility Population Statistics
- Public School Enrollment Status and District of Residence
- Interim-Program School Attendance and Stay
- Student Demographics
- Special Populations
Data Wish List

- Academic Achievement while at Interim-Program School
- Post-Release Outcomes
- Post-Graduation Outcomes
Ongoing & Upcoming Events

- Ad Hoc Committee on Education of Students in Out-of-Home Placements
- Approval and Accreditation of Schools in Out-of-Home Placements
- Nebraska Data Partnership
- Annual Partnering Workshop
- ESU Training
In July of 2007, Nebraska received State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Grant from U.S. Department of Education

Purpose of 3-Year Grant:
- Support Electronic Exchange of Student Records
- Creation of Electronic Transcript Facility
- Increase Longitudinal Data System utilizing Individual Student Data
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