

Agency 013 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Nebraska Constitution, Articles VII, Sec. 2, 3, and 4. Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Chapter 79 (primarily) for State programs. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Chapter 84 (US Department of Education), Chapter 10 (US Department of Agriculture, Chapter 93 (US Department of Health and Human Services), Chapter 96 (Social Security Administration), and other Chapter for several other Federal programs.

VISION:

Partnering for the best education for all ... for life.

Nebraska's well being is best served by providing a quality education for all students. The State Board of Education's policies and the Department of Education's leadership shall enable all Nebraska schools to demonstrate rigorous curriculum guided by standards and expectations for all students; accountability for what it taught and what students learn; safe, orderly, and drug free environments for learning; and competent and caring educators in every classroom.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

Department Mission: To lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living.

Principles/Values: The Department of Education values honesty, integrity, trust, quality programs and services, visionary and participatory leadership, a positive can-do attitude, accountability for results, respect for individuals and individual differences, equity of opportunities and outcomes, excellence through continuous improvement, and a well qualified and competent staff.

GOALS:

- Implement the plan for the revision of Nebraska academic standards and assessment to fulfill the requirements of legislation passed by the Nebraska Legislature in 2008 (LB 1157). The goal is increased academic achievement of all Nebraska children.
- Continue assisting schools in planning for improvement of instructional practices and streamlining the application and reporting system.
- Continue to refine the policy and implement a plan for an essential education for all students.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	14,408,526	16,513,039	17,713,302	16,530,673	18,950,111	16,548,484
Cash Fund	867,266	1,852,353	1,910,708	1,852,353	1,980,769	1,852,353
Federal Fund	38,162,831	36,016,930	43,653,416	42,417,341	45,228,620	42,673,357
Revolving Fund	41,694	162,872	165,992	162,872	169,237	162,872
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	53,480,317	54,545,194	63,443,418	60,963,239	66,328,737	61,237,066
Aid Funding						
General Fund	951,933,418	1,034,925,763	1,167,513,991	1,076,135,846	1,286,025,419	1,111,893,375
Cash Fund	1,665,165	7,052,938	8,310,938	8,241,022	8,310,938	8,272,307
Federal Fund	262,484,526	269,442,416	288,330,149	287,261,361	299,625,501	298,392,963
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	1,216,083,109	1,311,421,117	1,464,155,078	1,371,638,229	1,593,961,858	1,418,558,645
Total Funding						
General Fund	966,341,944	1,051,438,802	1,185,227,293	1,092,666,519	1,304,975,530	1,128,441,859
Cash Fund	2,532,431	8,905,291	10,221,646	10,093,375	10,291,707	10,124,660
Federal Fund	300,647,358	305,459,346	331,983,565	329,678,702	344,854,121	341,066,320
Revolving Fund	41,694	162,872	165,992	162,872	169,237	162,872
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	1,269,563,426	1,365,966,311	1,527,598,496	1,432,601,468	1,660,290,595	1,479,795,711

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Program 025 - COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This is the umbrella program of Department activities that encompass agency & educational leadership and policy setting, education program administration (including administration of aid programs, technical assistance, and agency support). The activities include the State Board of Education, the Commissioner's Office, the School Improvement activities of Curriculum/Instruction & Innovation, Accreditation, and Diversity. Also included are activities addressing Early Childhood education, Special Education, Teacher Certification/Adult Education, School Finance and Organizational Services, No Child Left Behind/federal programs, and all agency support functions.

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Program 025 - COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	9,694,587	10,522,223	11,359,329	10,522,223	12,225,575	10,522,223
Cash Fund	689,957	1,114,236	1,135,326	1,114,236	1,166,507	1,114,236
Federal Fund	16,626,187	14,025,359	20,669,784	20,425,770	21,492,261	20,681,786
Revolving Fund	41,694	162,872	165,992	162,872	169,237	162,872
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	27,052,425	25,824,690	33,330,431	32,225,101	35,053,580	32,481,117
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	12,500	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	314,163	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	326,663	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	9,694,587	10,522,223	11,359,329	10,522,223	12,225,575	10,522,223
Cash Fund	702,457	1,114,236	1,135,326	1,114,236	1,166,507	1,114,236
Federal Fund	16,940,350	14,025,359	20,669,784	20,425,770	21,492,261	20,681,786
Revolving Fund	41,694	162,872	165,992	162,872	169,237	162,872
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	27,379,088	25,824,690	33,330,431	32,225,101	35,053,580	32,481,117

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Program 158 - EDUCATION AID

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Program 158 is an umbrella program encompassing all the State and Federal funded education flow-through aid programs. The largest State programs are TEEOSA and Special Education. The largest Federal programs are No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA), and Child Nutrition Programs (CNP).

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Program 158 - EDUCATION AID

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	46,714	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,724	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	311,719	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	360,157	0	0	0	0	0
Aid Funding						
General Fund	948,888,585	1,032,925,763	1,165,513,991	1,074,135,846	1,284,025,419	1,109,893,375
Cash Fund	843,598	2,282,938	3,290,938	3,190,938	3,290,938	3,190,938
Federal Fund	256,176,870	262,443,987	280,015,185	280,015,185	290,889,138	290,889,138
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	1,205,909,054	1,297,652,688	1,448,820,114	1,357,341,969	1,578,205,495	1,403,973,451
Total Funding						
General Fund	948,935,299	1,032,925,763	1,165,513,991	1,074,135,846	1,284,025,419	1,109,893,375
Cash Fund	845,323	2,282,938	3,290,938	3,190,938	3,290,938	3,190,938
Federal Fund	256,488,589	262,443,987	280,015,185	280,015,185	290,889,138	290,889,138
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	1,206,269,211	1,297,652,688	1,448,820,114	1,357,341,969	1,578,205,495	1,403,973,451

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Program 161 - EDUCATION INNOVATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

1. Based on provisions in R.S.S. 79-1336 and 79-1337, this program will provide education technology aid to K-12 schools and Educational Service Units for the purpose of enhancing distance education statewide.
2. The purposes of the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Programs are to attract outstanding students to Nebraska teacher education programs, retain resident teacher candidates as teachers in Nebraska's schools, and to establish a loan contract that provides that the scholarship/loan is forgiven if the borrower obtains employment as a teacher in this state.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Continue to implement the provisions of Rule 25 to include determining scholarship allocations to the 17 Nebraska institutions; managing the application and contracting processes; tracking of recipients to determine forgiveness or repayment requirements; and completing required reporting to the State Legislature.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. Determine proportionate allocation to Nebraska Institutions of the 400 scholarships made available (400 @ \$2,500).
2. Continue follow up processes on previous recipients to determine forgiveness or repayment requirements (approximately 500 individuals).
3. Prepare reports to State Legislature as outlined in Rule 25.

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Program 161 - EDUCATION INNOVATION

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	21,103	53,324	55,222	53,324	57,192	53,324
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	21,103	53,324	55,222	53,324	57,192	53,324
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	457,500	4,550,000	4,800,000	4,800,000	4,800,000	4,800,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	457,500	4,550,000	4,800,000	4,800,000	4,800,000	4,800,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	478,603	4,603,324	4,855,222	4,853,324	4,857,192	4,853,324
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	478,603	4,603,324	4,855,222	4,853,324	4,857,192	4,853,324

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Program 351 - VOCATIONAL REHAB

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Vocational Rehabilitation provides services to eligible Nebraskans with disabilities who can benefit from services and begin or return to employment. An individual program of vocational rehabilitation is developed for each eligible person. These individualized programs are based on each person's unique needs, goals, and choices, and are designed to overcome their barriers to employment and integrate them into the work place and the community.

Vocational Rehabilitation works collaboratively with community rehabilitation resources to provide and develop services needed by Nebraskans with disabilities. Vocational Rehabilitation staff also directly provides vocational counseling and guidance, vocational evaluation, independent living, and job placement services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Economic self-sufficiency through integrated competitive, self and business enterprise employment paying the full time minimum wage equivalent or above. Objectives: Are people becoming employed? Do they receive a living wage? Are persons satisfied with services? Are we serving people who need our services? Are we serving all eligible people?

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. The number of individuals with disabilities served.
2. The number of individuals with disabilities rehabilitated into employment earning at least minimum wage.
3. The percentage of disabled persons served who are classified as severely disabled.
4. The number of students age 14-18 served in transition programs in Nebraska schools.

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Program 351 - VOCATIONAL REHAB

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,185,911	2,234,282	2,403,654	2,234,282	2,569,818	2,234,282
Cash Fund	36,809	532,073	562,157	532,073	593,442	532,073
Federal Fund	14,971,996	14,305,111	15,020,401	14,305,111	15,482,065	14,305,111
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	16,194,716	17,071,466	17,986,212	17,071,466	18,645,325	17,071,466
Aid Funding						
General Fund	2,866,646	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Cash Fund	351,566	220,000	220,000	250,084	220,000	281,369
Federal Fund	3,235,003	3,580,000	4,759,798	3,691,010	5,038,990	3,806,452
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	6,453,215	5,800,000	6,979,798	5,941,094	7,258,990	6,087,821
Total Funding						
General Fund	4,052,557	4,234,282	4,403,654	4,234,282	4,569,818	4,234,282
Cash Fund	388,375	752,073	782,157	782,157	813,442	813,442
Federal Fund	18,206,999	17,885,111	19,780,199	17,996,121	20,521,055	18,111,563
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	22,647,931	22,871,466	24,966,010	23,012,560	25,904,315	23,159,287

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Program 352 - DISABILITY DETERMINATIONS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Education, through its Disability Determinations Section, makes determinations on behalf of the Social Security Administration regarding the eligibility of Nebraska residents for disability benefits under the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income programs. Applications are forwarded from Social Security field offices in Nebraska to the DDS, which then obtains sufficient medical and vocational documentation to prepare, make, and record a decision on each applicant's eligibility for benefits.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

To accomplish any changes in Congressional or judicial mandates while not compromising the levels of public service described above.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

To provide for each Nebraska resident a decision on eligibility which is thoroughly documented and which conforms to the adjudication guidelines established by the Social Security Administration.

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Program 352 - DISABILITY DETERMINATIONS

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	6,564,648	7,686,460	7,963,231	7,686,460	8,254,294	7,686,460
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	6,564,648	7,686,460	7,963,231	7,686,460	8,254,294	7,686,460
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	2,754,385	3,418,429	3,555,166	3,555,166	3,697,373	3,697,373
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	2,754,385	3,418,429	3,555,166	3,555,166	3,697,373	3,697,373
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	9,319,033	11,104,889	11,518,397	11,241,626	11,951,667	11,383,833
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	9,319,033	11,104,889	11,518,397	11,241,626	11,951,667	11,383,833

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Program 401 - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

At its June 1997 meeting, the State Board of Education approved a plan for *Statewide Educational Programs and Support Services for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*. The plan was reviewed and revised by a committee of stakeholders and approved by the State Board of Education on December 10, 2004. This program implements the statewide plan and continues to carry out the agreements with the Region/Statewide Programs and Iowa School for the Deaf. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-1148)

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Successful implementation of the plan for *Statewide Educational Programs and Support Services for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*.

Assist with implementation of State Board policy recognizing American Sign Language as a national language for which World Language credit can be earned.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Provided leadership in the implementation of the State Plan through contractual arrangement with ESU #9 for services of a designated staff member.

Maintained four Regional/Statewide Programs for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,852,644	1,993,096	2,072,904	1,993,096	2,155,931	1,993,096
Cash Fund	1,852	3,000	3,120	3,000	3,244	3,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	1,854,495	1,996,096	2,076,024	1,996,096	2,159,175	1,996,096
Aid Funding						
General Fund	178,187	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	178,187	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	2,030,831	1,993,096	2,072,904	1,993,096	2,155,931	1,993,096
Cash Fund	1,852	3,000	3,120	3,000	3,244	3,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	2,032,682	1,996,096	2,076,024	1,996,096	2,159,175	1,996,096

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Program 402 - SCH F/T VISUALLY HANDCPPD

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

At its December 1998 meeting, the State Board of Education approved the *Planning Team Recommendation for Statewide Services for Educating Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired*. This program implements the statewide plan and continues to carry out the contractual agreement with Educational Service Unit #4 for assistance with the plan implementation. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-11,109; 79-11,110)

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Successful operation of the *Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired* (NCECBVI).
Coordinate a consumer stakeholder group.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. Initiate stakeholder review and revisions to the Planning Team Recommendation for Statewide Services for Educating Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired.
2. Maintain the stakeholder advisory team which includes consumers, parents, teachers and administrators; the team annually meets to review NCECBVI programs and services.
3. Continue the operation of the NCECBVI through a contractual agreement with ESU #4.

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Program 402 - SCH F/T VISUALLY HANDCPPD

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,675,384	1,763,438	1,877,415	1,781,072	1,998,787	1,798,883
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	1,675,384	1,763,438	1,877,415	1,781,072	1,998,787	1,798,883
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	1,675,384	1,763,438	1,877,415	1,781,072	1,998,787	1,798,883
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	1,675,384	1,763,438	1,877,415	1,781,072	1,998,787	1,798,883

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Program 614 - PROF PRAC COMM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Professional Practices Commission is composed of twelve (12) members of the education profession appointed by the Governor. The Commission is charged with advising the Nebraska State Board of Education regarding rules and regulations for the standards of ethics and competency for Nebraska public schools educators, promoting understanding of and adherence to the standards, and providing an orderly method, by use of the hearing process, of resolving disputes arising over alleged failure of an educator to adhere to the standards. Disciplinary action includes admonishment, reprimand, or recommendation to the State Board of Education for suspension or revocation of the educator's certificate.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Commission attempts to hold hearings as soon after the filing of a petition by the Commissioner of Education as regularly scheduled meeting dates will permit. Staff believes this goal has been attained with hearings scheduled as close to this time line as possible.

Another goal is to provide training for Commissioners, as schedules allow, at the National Judicial College's Administrative Law Judge Training courses. Four new Commissioners have been appointed in April, and it is hoped these appointees will be able to attend training.

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Program 614 - PROF PRAC COMM

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	117,546	149,720	154,883	149,720	160,384	149,720
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	117,546	149,720	154,883	149,720	160,384	149,720
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	117,546	149,720	154,883	149,720	160,384	149,720
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	117,546	149,720	154,883	149,720	160,384	149,720