

Agency 013 - DEPT OF EDUCATION

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

- Nebraska Constitution Articles VII, Sec. 2, 3, and 4.
- Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Chapter 79 (primarily) for State programs.
- United State Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 84 (U.S. Department of Education), Chapter 10 (U.S. Department of Agriculture), Chapter 93 (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), Chapter 96 (Social Security Administration), and other Chapters for Federal programs from other agencies.

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.

Department Principles/Values: The Department of Education values Honesty, Integrity, Trust, Quality Programs and Services, Visionary and Participatory Leadership, Positive Can-do Attitude, Accountability for Results, Respect for Individuals and Individual Differences, Equity of Opportunities and Outcomes, Excellence Through Continuous Improvement, Well Qualified and Competent Staff.

GOALS:

1. Improve Achievement Outcomes for All Students
2. Improve and Support State and Local Accountability
3. Improve Communication and Collaboration with Policy Partners

See supporting information for additional subgoals.

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Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	15,654,668	20,643,004	42,612,519	20,393,996	45,413,308	20,790,854
Cash Fund	1,201,581	2,141,817	2,392,040	2,413,081	2,128,056	2,428,691
Federal Fund	40,997,117	47,660,182	46,171,971	49,127,277	46,716,079	50,368,016
Revolving Fund	158,912	204,728	204,728	204,728	204,728	204,728
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	58,012,278	70,649,731	91,381,258	72,139,082	94,462,171	73,792,289
Aid Funding						
General Fund	1,108,660,206	1,156,384,882	1,238,878,368	1,182,755,857	1,318,588,721	1,201,200,752
Cash Fund	10,119,591	13,511,754	13,578,399	13,511,754	3,240,938	13,511,754
Federal Fund	291,506,164	299,086,128	321,187,378	319,086,128	321,187,378	319,086,128
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	1,410,285,961	1,468,982,764	1,573,644,145	1,515,353,739	1,643,017,037	1,533,798,634
Total Funding						
General Fund	1,124,314,875	1,177,027,886	1,281,490,887	1,203,149,853	1,364,002,029	1,221,991,606
Cash Fund	11,321,172	15,653,571	15,970,439	15,924,835	5,368,994	15,940,445
Federal Fund	332,503,281	346,746,310	367,359,349	368,213,405	367,903,457	369,454,144
Revolving Fund	158,912	204,728	204,728	204,728	204,728	204,728
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	1,468,298,239	1,539,632,495	1,665,025,403	1,587,492,821	1,737,479,208	1,607,590,923

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Program 025 - COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Program 025 is an umbrella program of Department activities that encompass agency & educational leadership and policy setting, education program administration (including administration of aid programs in Program 158 and technical assistance, and agency support). The activities include the State Board of Education, the Commissioner's Office, the School Improvement activities of Curriculum/Instruction, 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. See the attached files for individual program descriptions .

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Available upon request from the Nebraska Department of Education.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Available upon request from the Nebraska Department of Education.

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Program 025 - COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	10,073,357	14,068,200	33,621,580	13,608,307	36,094,712	13,793,474
Cash Fund	751,208	1,496,838	1,496,838	1,510,775	1,496,838	1,521,395
Federal Fund	19,699,354	22,606,025	22,688,227	22,884,912	22,688,227	23,097,555
Revolving Fund	158,912	204,728	204,728	204,728	204,728	204,728
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	30,682,831	38,375,791	58,011,373	38,208,722	60,484,505	38,617,152
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	6,000,000	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	6,000,000	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	10,073,357	14,068,200	33,621,580	13,608,307	42,094,712	13,793,474
Cash Fund	751,208	1,496,838	1,496,838	1,510,775	1,496,838	1,521,395
Federal Fund	19,699,354	22,606,025	22,688,227	22,884,912	22,688,227	23,097,555
Revolving Fund	158,912	204,728	204,728	204,728	204,728	204,728
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	30,682,831	38,375,791	58,011,373	38,208,722	66,484,505	38,617,152

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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). All flow-through aid programs are described in the attached individual umbrella program narratives.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Available upon request from the Nebraska Department of Education.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Available upon request from the Nebraska Department of Education.

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Program 158 - EDUCATION AID

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	45,545	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	45,545	0	0	0	0	0
Aid Funding						
General Fund	1,105,968,603	1,154,283,632	1,238,878,368	1,180,654,607	1,312,588,721	1,199,099,502
Cash Fund	809,086	3,240,938	3,240,938	3,240,938	3,240,938	3,240,938
Federal Fund	283,045,503	290,889,138	310,889,138	310,889,138	310,889,138	310,889,138
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	1,389,823,192	1,448,413,708	1,553,008,444	1,494,784,683	1,626,718,797	1,513,229,578
Total Funding						
General Fund	1,105,968,603	1,154,283,632	1,238,878,368	1,180,654,607	1,312,588,721	1,199,099,502
Cash Fund	809,086	3,240,938	3,240,938	3,240,938	3,240,938	3,240,938
Federal Fund	283,091,048	290,889,138	310,889,138	310,889,138	310,889,138	310,889,138
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	1,389,868,737	1,448,413,708	1,553,008,444	1,494,784,683	1,626,718,797	1,513,229,578

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Program 161 - EDUCATION INNOVATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Program 161 is an umbrella program encompassing all lottery generated cash funds to enhance public education. Program 161 also administers the allocation of lottery funds for base year incentives, distance education, and the Excellence in Teaching Act. Information is provided on each activity in programs 12,41,43, 44, and 46 on the attached files.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Available upon request from the Nebraska Department of Education.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Available upon request from the Nebraska Department of Education.

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Program 161 - EDUCATION INNOVATION

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	336,039	263,984	263,984	267,720	0	270,168
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	336,039	263,984	263,984	267,720	0	270,168
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	9,079,486	10,270,816	10,337,461	10,270,816	0	10,270,816
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	9,079,486	10,270,816	10,337,461	10,270,816	0	10,270,816
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	9,415,525	10,534,800	10,601,445	10,538,536	0	10,540,984
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	9,415,525	10,534,800	10,601,445	10,538,536	0	10,540,984

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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 integration 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 provide vocational counseling and guidance, vocational evaluation, and job placement services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- Employment
- Independence
- Transition

See additional supporting information.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

- The number of individuals with disabilities served.
- The number of individuals with disabilities rehabilitated into employment earning at least minimum wage.
- The percentage of disabled persons served who are classified as severely disabled.
- The percentage of individuals served who are of transition age.

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Program 351 - VOCATIONAL REHAB**

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,906,884	2,655,453	4,875,621	2,777,634	4,997,512	2,900,714
Cash Fund	0	249,777	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Federal Fund	14,735,613	16,733,866	15,163,453	17,751,795	15,707,561	18,653,294
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	16,642,496	19,639,096	20,539,074	21,029,429	21,205,073	22,054,008
Aid Funding						
General Fund	2,536,125	2,101,250	0	2,101,250	0	2,101,250
Cash Fund	231,019	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	5,497,193	4,499,617	6,600,867	4,499,617	6,600,867	4,499,617
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	8,264,337	6,600,867	6,600,867	6,600,867	6,600,867	6,600,867
Total Funding						
General Fund	4,443,009	4,756,703	4,875,621	4,878,884	4,997,512	5,001,964
Cash Fund	231,019	249,777	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Federal Fund	20,232,806	21,233,483	21,764,320	22,251,412	22,308,428	23,152,911
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	24,906,833	26,239,963	27,139,941	27,630,296	27,805,940	28,654,875

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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 make correct determinations of applicants' eligibility for benefits, to process cases in the shortest plausible time, and to complete the work at the least necessary cost.

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.
- To provide determinations in as timely a manner as possible without sacrificing the quality of the documentation or the accuracy of the decision.
- To control pending caseloads at a level at which accomplishment of the above objective is feasible. Specifically, to maintain a week's work pending of less than 11 weeks.
- To control the cost of thorough case documentation by adjudicating as many cases as possible on the basis of existing medical evidence of record. The DDS will maintain a medical examination purchase rate of less than 50% of all cases.

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Program 352 - DISABILITY DETERMINATIONS

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	6,562,151	8,320,291	8,320,291	8,490,570	8,320,291	8,617,167
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	6,562,151	8,320,291	8,320,291	8,490,570	8,320,291	8,617,167
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	2,963,468	3,697,373	3,697,373	3,697,373	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	2,963,468	3,697,373	3,697,373	3,697,373	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	9,525,619	12,017,664	12,017,664	12,187,943	12,017,664	12,314,540
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	9,525,619	12,017,664	12,017,664	12,187,943	12,017,664	12,314,540

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Program 401 - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

In June 1997 (revised December, 2004), the State Board of Education approved a plan for *Statewide Educational Programs and Support Services for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*. This program implements the statewide plan and continues to carry out the agreements with the Region/Statewide Programs and Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Continue state leadership and statewide education and support services for infants/toddlers/children/youth, ages birth to 21, who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH).

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Narrative and fiscal reports from Regional D/HH Programs and ESU #9 (State Plan oversight); services provided to NE students attending ISD as per Nebraska/Iowa agreement.

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Program 401 - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,775,559	1,971,625	2,070,206	2,016,239	2,173,716	2,060,812
Cash Fund	792	2,965	2,965	2,965	2,965	2,965
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	1,776,351	1,974,590	2,073,171	2,019,204	2,176,681	2,063,777
Aid Funding						
General Fund	155,478	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	155,478	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	1,931,037	1,971,625	2,070,206	2,016,239	2,173,716	2,060,812
Cash Fund	792	2,965	2,965	2,965	2,965	2,965
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	1,931,829	1,974,590	2,073,171	2,019,204	2,176,681	2,063,777

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Program 402 - SCH F/T VISUALLY HANDCPPD

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

In December 1998 (revised December 2004), 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/lease agreement with Educational Service Unit #4 (ESU #4) for assistance with the plan implementation.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Continue state leadership and statewide education and support services for infants/toddlers/children/youth, ages birth to 21, who are blind or visually impaired.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Narrative and fiscal reports are received from ESU #4.

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Program 402 - SCH F/T VISUALLY HANDCPPD

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,898,869	1,947,726	2,045,112	1,991,816	2,147,368	2,035,854
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	1,898,869	1,947,726	2,045,112	1,991,816	2,147,368	2,035,854
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	1,898,869	1,947,726	2,045,112	1,991,816	2,147,368	2,035,854
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	1,898,869	1,947,726	2,045,112	1,991,816	2,147,368	2,035,854

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Program 614 - PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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, as they apply to holders of public school certificates, for the standards of professional practices for teachers and administrators in areas including, but not limited to: (a) Ethical and professional performance; (b) competency; (c) continuance in professional service; and (d) contractual obligations for Nebraska public schools' educators. The commission may be requested to hold hearings and make recommendations to the board concerning alleged violations of standards of professional ethics and practices.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Commission strives to hold hearings and adjudicate cases promptly; provide training for Commission members to serve as hearing officers; respond to all requests to provide information to college classes in teacher and administrator training; distribute pamphlets on the code of ethics; standards of competency; and teacher aides; to provide workshops and seminars for lay and professional groups; inform all educational entities and the public of the activities of the Commission; and to develop materials for the profession that will promote ethical standards.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

- The Commission attempts to hold hearings as soon after the filing of a petition by the Commissioner of Education as our regularly scheduled meeting dates will permit.
- To provide training for Commissioners, as their schedules allow, at the National Judicial College's Administrative Law Judge Training courses.
- To distribute pamphlets on the code of ethics, standards of competency, and teacher aides to all teacher training institutions and schools who request them.
- To make presentations each year to lay and/or professional groups in person and/or through the use of a DVD that has recently been produced.
- Update materials and have them printed and available for distribution.

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Program 614 - PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	113,541	128,253	128,253	131,621	128,253	134,163
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	113,541	128,253	128,253	131,621	128,253	134,163
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	113,541	128,253	128,253	131,621	128,253	134,163
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	113,541	128,253	128,253	131,621	128,253	134,163