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ACT SELECTED TO PROVIDE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM

The Nebraska State Board of Education has selected ACT to provide the standardized college entrance exam for Nebraska students in the 11th grade. Beginning in the spring of 2017, the exam will be administered to all high school juniors and will replace the current Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessment at that grade level.

In April 2016, the Nebraska Legislature passed Legislative Bill 930 requiring public school students in the 11th grade to take a college admission test. In addition, the requirement for a statewide writing assessment will end after the 2016-17 school year and will be replaced with a statewide reading English Language Arts assessment, containing a writing component.

The ACT will provide students with a score that can be used at colleges or universities to contribute to application and admission decisions. ACT is an independent, nonprofit organization that provides assessment and research in education and workforce development.

College Entrance Exam Rationale

Request for Proposal Report

RULE 41: PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY CAREER SCHOOLS

The State Board of Education voted to adopt revisions to Rule 41 (92 NAC 41), Regulations Governing the Authorization to Operate Private Postsecondary Career Schools. Rule 41 provides the procedures for the authorization to operate and accredit private postsecondary career schools, and grant authority to award associate degrees. Adjustments include: (1) section 004.15A3 to allow transcripts to reflect clock hours as a form of measurement, and (2) section 006 to require a school to display its authorization to operate in a prominent location on the school's premises. Rule 41 was last revised in 2013.

Rule 41 Rationale

Rule 41 Hearing Draft

Rule 41 Hearing Summary

NDE BIENNIAL BUDGET

Dr. Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education, was authorized to submit the Department's biennial budget request for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 on behalf of the State Board of Education to the Governor's Budget Division.

Budget Rationale

Biennial Budget Request Summary

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building. A work session will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html.



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