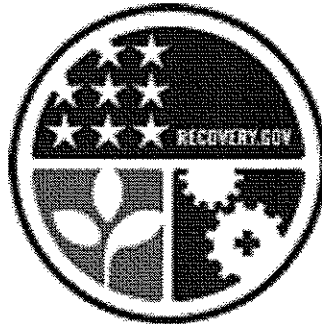


Application for Initial Funding under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program

**CFDA Numbers: 84.394 (Education Stabilization Fund) and
84.397 (Government Services Fund)**



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STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND APPLICATION

**PART 1: APPLICATION COVER SHEET
(CFDA Nos. 84.394 and 84.397)**


<p>Legal Name of Applicant (Office of the Governor):</p> <p>Office of the Governor State of Nebraska</p>	<p>Applicant's Mailing Address:</p> <p>Office of the Governor P.O. Box 94848 Lincoln, NE 68509-4848</p>
<p>State Contact for the Education Stabilization Fund (CFDA No. 84.394)</p> <p>Name: Gerry A. Oligmueller</p> <p>Position and Office: State Budget Administrator</p> <p>Contact's Mailing Address: DAS Budget Division Room 1320, State Capitol P.O. Box 94664 Lincoln, NE 68509-4664</p> <p>Telephone: (402) 471-2526 Fax: (402) 471-8074 E-mail address: Gerry.Oligmueller@nebraska.gov</p>	<p>State Contact for the Government Services Fund (CFDA No. 84.397)</p> <p><i>(Enter "same" if the same individual will serve as the contact for both the Education Stabilization Fund and the Government Services Fund.)</i></p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Position and Office: Same</p> <p>Contact's Mailing Address:</p> <p>Telephone:</p> <p>Fax:</p> <p>E-mail address:</p>

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information and data in this application are true and correct.

<p>Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name):</p>	<p>Telephone:</p>
<p>Dave Heineman, Governor</p>	<p>(402) 471-2244</p>
<p>Signature of Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor:</p> 	<p>Date:</p> <p>6-8-09</p>

Recommended Statement of Support from the Chief State School Officer *(Optional)*:

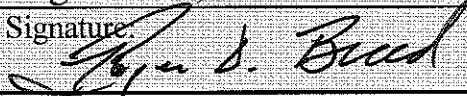
The State educational agency will cooperate with the Governor in the implementation of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund program.

<p>Chief State School Officer (Printed Name):</p>	<p>Telephone:</p>
<p>Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education</p>	<p>(402) 471-5020</p>
<p>Signature of the Chief State School Officer:</p> 	<p>Date:</p> <p>6-8-09</p>

PART 2: EDUCATION REFORM ASSURANCES

The Governor or his/her authorized representative assures the following:

- (1) The State will take actions to improve teacher effectiveness and comply with section 1111(b)(8)(C) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(8)(C)) in order to address inequities in the distribution of highly qualified teachers between high- and low-poverty schools, and to ensure that low-income and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, or out-of-field teachers. (*Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution Assurance*)
- (2) The State will establish a longitudinal data system that includes the elements described in section 6401(e)(2)(D) of the America COMPETES Act (20 U.S.C. 9871(e)(2)(D)). (*Improving Collection and Use of Data Assurance*)
- (3) The State will –
 - (3.1) Enhance the quality of the academic assessments it administers pursuant to section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(3)) through activities such as those described in section 6112(a) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7301a(a)); (*Improving Assessments Assurance*)
 - (3.2) Comply with the requirements of paragraphs (3)(C)(ix) and (6) of section 1111(b) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)) and section 612(a)(16) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(16)) related to the inclusion of children with disabilities and limited English proficient students in State assessments, the development of valid and reliable assessments for those students, and the provision of accommodations that enable their participation in State assessments; (*Inclusion Assurance*) and
 - (3.3) Take steps to improve State academic content standards and student academic achievement standards consistent with section 6401(e)(1)(A)(ii) of the America COMPETES Act. (*Improving Standards Assurance*)
- (4) The State will ensure compliance with the requirements of section 1116(b)(7)(C)(iv) and section 1116(b)(8)(B) of the ESEA with respect to schools identified under these sections. (*Supporting Struggling Schools Assurance*)

Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name):	
Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education	
Signature: 	Date: 6-08-09

PART 3: INITIAL BASELINE DATA FOR EDUCATION REFORM ASSURANCES

SPECIAL NOTES:

- In completing this portion of the application, please refer to Appendix B – Instructions for Part 3: Initial Baseline Data for Education Reform Assurances.
- The data described in Appendix B for two of the education reform assurances in Part 2 of the application – the Improving Assessments Assurance and the Improving Standards Assurance – are the most current available baseline data for these areas. Thus, the Department is not inviting States to submit additional information with respect to these two assurances.
- The Governor or his/her authorized representative should confirm whether the initial baseline data sources described in Appendix B for the four assurances referenced below – Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution; Improving Collection and Use of Data; Improving State Academic Content and Student Achievement Standards; and Supporting Struggling Schools – reflect the State's current status with respect to these assurances. A State that confirms the use of these initial baseline data sources does not have to submit additional baseline data with this application. If a State elects not to use the identified data sources for one or more of these four assurances, it must submit other initial baseline data for that assurance.

The Governor or his/her authorized representative confirms that the data sources that are currently available to the Department and described in Appendix B are a reasonable reflection of the current status of the State with respect to the following education reform assurances that he/she provided in Part 2 of the Application (*check only those assurances for which the State accepts the data described in Appendix B*):

Achieving Equity in Teacher Distribution Assurance.

Improving Collection and Use of Data Assurance.

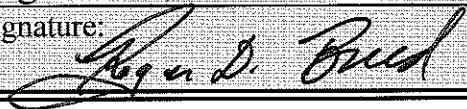
Improving Standards Assurance.

Supporting Struggling Schools Assurance.

Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name):

Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education

Signature:



Date:

06-08-09

PART 4, SECTION A: MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT (MOE) ASSURANCE

SPECIAL NOTES:

- In completing Part 4 of the application, please refer to Appendix C – Instructions for Part 4: Maintenance of Effort.
- The Governor or his/her authorized representative should check only those MOE requirements that he or she anticipates the State will meet. If the Governor or his/her authorized representative anticipates that the State will be unable to meet one or more of the requirements, he or she must sign the additional waiver assurance in Part 4, Section B.
- For the purpose of determining MOE, State support for public institutions of higher education (IHEs) must not include support for capital projects or for research and development or tuition and fees paid by students.

The Governor or his/her authorized representative assures the following (*check appropriate assurances that apply*):

- In FY 2009, the State will maintain State support for elementary and secondary education at least at the level of such support in FY 2006.
- In FY 2010, the State will maintain State support for elementary and secondary education at least at the level of such support in FY 2006.
- In FY 2011, the State will maintain State support for elementary and secondary education at least at the level of such support in FY 2006.
- In FY 2009, the State will maintain State support for public IHEs at least at the level of such support in FY 2006.
- In FY 2010, the State will maintain State support for public IHEs at least at the level of such support in FY 2006.
- In FY 2011, the State will maintain State support for public IHEs at least at the level of such support in FY 2006.

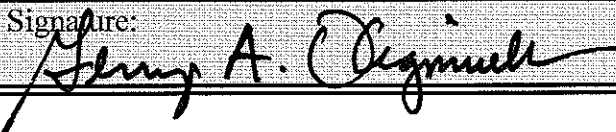
---OR---

_____ To the best of his/her knowledge and based on the best available data, the State will be unable to meet any of the above-referenced maintenance-of-effort requirements.

Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name):

Gerry Oligmueller, State Budget Administrator

Signature:



Date:

6-8-2009

PART 4, SECTION B: MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT WAIVER ASSURANCE

SPECIAL NOTES:

- If a State anticipates that it will be unable to comply with one or more of the Stabilization program MOE requirements referenced in Part 4, Section A of the application, the State must provide the assurance below.
- States that anticipate meeting all of the Stabilization program MOE requirements should not complete the waiver assurance in this section of the application. *See Appendix C – Instructions for Part 4: Maintenance of Effort. The criterion for a waiver of the MOE requirements is provided in Appendix C.*
- The Department will be providing additional guidance to States regarding the process for applying for waivers of the Stabilization program MOE requirements.

The Governor or his/her authorized representative assures the following:

To the best of his/her knowledge and based on the best available data, the State meets or will meet the eligibility criterion for a MOE waiver for each of the Stabilization program MOE requirements that the Governor or his/her authorized representative anticipates the State will be unable to meet.

Governor or Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name):	
Signature: ---NOT APPLICABLE---	Date:

PART 4, SECTION C: MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT BASELINE DATA

SPECIAL NOTES:

- A State has some flexibility in determining the “levels of State support” for MOE purposes. For example, for the purpose of the elementary and secondary education MOE requirements, a State may use the level of support that the State provides through its primary elementary and secondary funding formulae, or it may use other relevant data. *See Appendix C – Instructions for Part 4: Maintenance of Effort.*

1. Levels of State support for elementary and secondary education *(the amounts reflect an aggregate level of State support):*

FY 2006	<u>\$700,594,282</u>
FY 2009*	<u>\$839,390,581</u>
FY 2010*	<u>\$840,207,268</u>
FY 2011*	<u>\$840,988,167</u>

(* Provide data to the extent that data are currently available.)

2. Levels of State support for public institutions of higher education *(enter amounts for each year):*

FY 2006	<u>\$519,412,293</u>
FY 2009*	<u>\$608,776,382</u>
FY 2010*	<u>\$620,041,136</u>
FY 2011*	<u>\$630,852,255</u>

(* Provide data to the extent that data are currently available.)

3. Additional Submission Requirements: In an attachment to the application –

- (a) Identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of State support for elementary and secondary education; - and -
- (b) Identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of State support for public IHEs. **See ATTACHMENT #1**

PART 5, SECTION A: STATE USES OF THE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Section A of Part 5 requests data on the Education Stabilization Fund (CFDA No. 84.394). In completing this portion of the application, please refer to Appendix D – Instructions for Part 5: State Uses of Funds.
- At a later date, the Department will collect data on the levels of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2011.
- These data may differ from the data in the levels of support for maintenance-of-effort purposes. See instructions in Appendix D.
- The term “postsecondary education” refers to public IHEs.

1. Levels of State Support for Elementary, Secondary, and Postsecondary Education

Provide the following data on the levels of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education:

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|---|-----------------------|
| (a) Level of State support for elementary and secondary education in FY 2008 provided through the State’s primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae | \$ <u>768,613,973</u> |
| (b) Level of State support for public IHEs in FY 2008 | \$ <u>584,063,890</u> |
| (c) Level of State support for elementary and secondary education in FY 2009 provided through the State’s primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae | \$ <u>839,390,581</u> |
| (d) Level of State support for public IHEs in FY 2009 | \$ <u>608,776,382</u> |
| (e) Level of State support for elementary and secondary education in FY 2010 provided through the State’s primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae | \$ <u>840,207,268</u> |
| (f) Level of State support for public IHEs in FY 2010 | \$ <u>620,041,136</u> |

Additional Information: Did the State, prior to October 1, 2008, approve formula increases to support elementary and secondary education in FY 2010 or 2011, or to phase in State equity and adequacy adjustments?*

- Yes No

* See Appendix D Worksheets for further guidance on how such increases affect a State’s “use of funds” calculations.

2. State’s Primary Education Funding Formulae

Additional Submission Requirement: In an attachment to the application, identify and describe each of the State’s primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae that were used in determining the calculations provided above for the levels of State support for elementary and secondary education.

See ATTACHMENT #2

3. Data on State Support for Postsecondary Education

Additional Submission Requirement: In an attachment to the application, identify and describe the specific State data sources that were used in determining the calculations provided above for the levels of State support for public IHEs.

See ATTACHMENT #3

4. Restoration Amounts

Based on the Worksheets included in Appendix D, calculate and provide the amount of Education Stabilization funds that the State will use to restore the levels of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FYs 2009 and 2010. As explained in the Instructions in Appendix D, a State must determine the amount of funds needed to restore fully the levels of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2009 before determining the amount of funds available to restore the levels of such support in FY 2010.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- At a later date, the Department will collect data on the amount of funds, if any, that remain available to (1) restore the levels of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2011, and (2) award subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs) based on their proportionate shares of funding under Part A of Title I of the ESEA.
- The calculations for these data must be based on the State’s total Education Stabilization Fund allocation as reflected in Appendix A and not on the State’s initial Education Stabilization Fund award.
- Although the State must follow the Instructions in Appendix D, in order to determine the amount of funds that LEAs and IHEs will receive under the program (i.e., the “restoration amounts”), the Governor has discretion in determining when to release these funds to LEAs and IHEs.

(a) Amount of the State’s total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary and secondary education in FY 2009 \$ 0

(b) Amount of the State’s total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for public IHEs in FY 2009 \$ 0

Restoration Amounts (continued)

- (c) Amount of the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary and secondary education in FY 2010 \$ 93,668,750
- (d) Amount of the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for public IHEs in FY 2010 \$ 0
- (e) Amount of funds, if any, remaining after restoring State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2009 and FY 2010 \$ 140,287,176

5. Process for Awarding Funds to Public IHEs

Additional Submission Requirement: In an attachment to the application, describe the process that the State will use to determine the amount of funding that individual public IHEs will receive from the funds that the State sets aside to restore the levels of State support for these institutions.

See ATTACHMENT #4

**PART 5, SECTION B: STATE USES OF THE
GOVERNMENT SERVICES FUND**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Section B of Part 5 requests data on the Government Services Fund (CFDA No. 84.397).
- In this section, provide preliminary estimates of the percentage of the Government Services Fund that the State intends to spend under various broad categories (to the extent such estimates are available). The total percentages in the chart should equal 100 percent.
- To the extent such estimates are available, the estimated percentages must be based on the State's total Government Services Fund allocation and not on the State's initial Government Services Fund award.



Uses of the Government Services Fund

Category	Estimated Percentage of Funds to Be Used
Public Safety	100%
Elementary and secondary education (excluding modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities)	
Public IHEs (excluding modernization, renovation, or repair of IHEs)	
Modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities	
Modernization, renovation, or repair of IHEs	
Medicaid	
Public assistance	
Transportation	
Other (please describe)	
Undetermined	
TOTAL	100%

**PART 6: ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND
REPORTING ASSURANCES**

The Governor or his/her authorized representative assures that the State will comply with all of the accountability, transparency, and reporting requirements that apply to the Stabilization program, including the following:

- For each year of the program, the State will submit a report to the Secretary, at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may require, that describes:
 - the uses of funds within the State;
 - how the State distributed the funds it received;
 - the number of jobs that the Governor estimates were saved or created with the funds;
 - tax increases that the Governor estimates were averted because of the funds;
 - the State's progress in reducing inequities in the distribution of highly qualified teachers, implementing a State longitudinal data system, and developing and implementing valid and reliable assessments for limited English proficient students and children with disabilities;
 - the tuition and fee increases for in-State students imposed by public IHEs and a description of any actions taken by the State to limit the increases;
 - the extent to which public IHEs maintained, increased, or decreased enrollment of in-State students, including those students eligible for Pell Grants or other need-based financial aid; and
 - a description of each modernization, renovation or repair project funded, including the amounts awarded and project costs. (ARRA Division A, Section 14008)
- The State will cooperate with any Comptroller General evaluation of the uses of funds and the impact of funding on the progress made toward closing achievement gaps. (ARRA Division A, Section 14009)
- If the State uses funds for any infrastructure investment, the State will certify that the investment received the full review and vetting required by law and that the chief executive accepts responsibility that the investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. This certification will include a description of the investment, the estimated total cost, and the amount of covered funds to be used. The certification will be posted on the State's website and linked to www.Recovery.gov. A State or local agency may not use funds under the ARRA for infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted. (ARRA Division A, Section 1511)
- The State will submit reports, within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, that contain the information required under section 1512(c) of the ARRA in accordance with any guidance issued by Office of Management and Budget or the Department. (ARRA Division A, Section 1512(c))
- The State will cooperate with any Inspector General examination of records under the program. (ARRA Division A, Section 1515)



Governor and Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name):	
Dave Heineman, Governor	Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education
Signature: 	
	Date: 6-3-09

PART 7: OTHER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

The Governor or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:

- The State will comply with all applicable assurances in OMB Standard Forms 424B and D (Assurances for Non-Construction and Construction Programs), including the assurances relating to the legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood hazards; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and the general agreement to comply with all applicable Federal laws, executive orders and regulations.
- With respect to the certification regarding lobbying in Department Form 80-0013, no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making or renewal of Federal grants under this program; the State will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," when required (34 C.F.R. Part 82, Appendix B); and the State will require the full certification, as set forth in 34 C.F.R. Part 82, Appendix A, in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers.
- The State will comply with all of the operational and administrative provisions in Title XV and XIV of the ARRA, including Buy American Requirements (ARRA Division A, Section 1605), Wage Rate Requirements (ARRA Division A, Section 1606), and any applicable environmental impact requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 (NEPA), as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) (ARRA Division A, Section 1609). In using ARRA funds for infrastructure investment recipients will comply with the requirement regarding Preferences for Quick Start Activities (ARRA Division A, Section 1602).
- Any LEA receiving funding under this program will have on file with the State a set of assurances that meets the requirements of section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232e).
- To the extent applicable, an LEA will include in its local application a description of how the LEA will comply with the requirements of section 427 of GEPA (20 U.S.C. 1228a). The description must include information on the steps the LEA proposes to take to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede access to, or participation in, the program.

- The State and other entities will comply with the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), as applicable: 34 CFR Part 74 -- Administration of Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations; 34 CFR Part 76 -- State-Administered Programs, including the construction requirements in section 75.600 through 75.617 that are incorporated by reference in section 76.600; 34 CFR Part 77 -- Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations; 34 CFR Part 80 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, including the procurement provisions; 34 CFR Part 81 -- General Education Provisions Act—Enforcement; 34 CFR Part 82 -- New Restrictions on Lobbying; 34 CFR Part 85 -- Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement).

Governor and Authorized Representative of the Governor (Printed Name):	
Dave Heineman, Governor	Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education
Signature: 	Date:  6-3-09

**WORKSHEETS FOR PART 5, SECTION A: STATE USES OF EDUCATION
STABILIZATION FUNDS - CALCULATING THE RESTORATION AMOUNTS
(CFDA No. 84.394)**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- **The calculations in the worksheets and the data provided in Section A of Part 5 of the application must be based on each State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation as reflected in Appendix A and not on the amount of the State's initial Education Stabilization Fund award.**
- **The term "postsecondary education" means public higher education.**

WORKSHEET 1-A: Calculating the amount of a State's total Education Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2009

Line	Information	Amount
1.	Amount of the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation.	\$233,955,926
2.	Either the actual amount of State funds that the State provided through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2008, or a prior-enacted amount of State funds that the State provided or will provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2009.	\$768,613,973
3.	Either the actual amount of State support for public institutions of higher education (IHEs) in FY 2008 or a prior-enacted amount of State support for public IHEs in FY 2009.	\$584,063,890
4.	Actual or projected amount of State funds that the State provided or will provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2009.	\$839,390,579
5.	Actual or projected amount of State support for public IHEs in FY 2009.	\$608,776,382
6.	If the amount on Line 4 is greater than the amount on Line 2, enter 0; if the amount on Line 2 is greater than the amount on Line 4, enter the difference.	\$0
7.	If the amount on Line 5 is greater than the amount on Line 3, enter 0; if the amount on Line 3 is greater than the amount on Line 5, enter the difference.	\$0
8.	Enter the sum of the amounts on Line 6 and Line 7. This is the amount of funds needed to restore fully the levels of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2009. If the amount on Line 8 is greater than the amount on Line 1, see <i>Worksheet 1-B for FY 2009 Shortfall calculation and do not complete lines 9, 10, 11, and 12.</i>	\$0
9.	If the amount on Line 1 is greater than the amount on Line 8, enter the amount from Line 6. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary and secondary education in FY 2009. <i>(Enter this amount in Part A of Section 5 of the Application.)</i>	\$0
10.	If the amount on Line 1 is greater than the amount on Line 8, enter the amount from Line 7. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for postsecondary education in FY 2009. <i>(Enter this amount in Part A of Section 5 of the Application.)</i>	\$0
11.	Enter the sum of the amounts on Line 9 and Line 10. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2009.	\$0
12.	Enter amount obtained by subtracting the amount on Line 11 from the amount on Line 1. This is the amount of the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation remaining to restore State support for education in FY 2010. (This amount is carried over to Line 1 of Worksheet 2-A or Worksheet 2-B.)	\$233,955,926

**WORKSHEETS FOR PART 5, SECTION A: STATE USES OF EDUCATION
STABILIZATION FUNDS - CALCULATING THE RESTORATION AMOUNTS**

WORKSHEET 2-B: Calculating the amount of a State's Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2010 if, prior to October 1, 2008, the State enacted State elementary and secondary education formula increases for FY 2010 or State equity and adequacy adjustments

Line	Information	Amount
1.	Amount of the State's Education Stabilization Fund allocation remaining after restoring the level of State support for education in FY 2009 (Enter amount on Line 12 of Worksheet 1-A).	\$233,955,926
2.	Either the actual amount of State funds that the State provided through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2008 or a prior-enacted amount of State funds that the State provided or will provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2009 (Enter the amount on line 2 of Worksheet 1-A).	\$768,613,973
3.	Actual or projected amount that the State provided or will provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2009 (Enter the amount on Line 4 of Worksheet 1-A).	\$839,390,579
4.	Enacted amount (including formulae increases and equity and adequacy adjustments enacted prior to October 1, 2008) that the State would provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2010.	\$933,876,018
5.	Projected amount that the State will provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2010.	\$840,207,268
6.	Enter the greater of the amounts on Lines 2, 3, or 4.	\$933,876,018
7.	If the amount on Line 5 is greater than the amount on Line 6, enter 0; if the amount on Line 6 is greater than the amount on Line 5, enter the difference.	\$93,668,750
8.	Enter the greater of (1) either the actual amount of State support for public institutions of higher education (IHEs) in FY 2008 or a prior-enacted amount of State support for public IHEs in FY 2009 or (2) actual or projected amount of State support for public IHEs in FY 2009 (i.e., Enter the greater of the amounts on Lines 3 and 5 of Worksheet 1-A).	\$608,776,382
9.	Projected amount of State support for public IHEs in FY 2010.	\$620,041,136
10.	If the amount on Line 9 is greater than the amount on Line 8, enter 0; if the amount on Line 8 is greater than the amount on Line 9, enter the difference.	\$0
11.	Enter the sum of the amounts on Line 7 and Line 10. This is the amount of funds needed to restore fully the levels of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2010. If the amount on Line 11 is greater than the amount on than Line 1, see Worksheet 2-D for Shortfall calculations and do not complete Lines 12, 13 and 14.	\$93,668,750
12.	If the amount on Line 1 is greater than the amount on Line 11, enter the amount from Line 7. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary and secondary education in FY 2010. (Enter this amount in Part A of Section 5 of the Application.)	\$93,668,750
13.	If the amount on Line 1 is greater than the amount on Line 11, enter the amount from Line 10. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for postsecondary education in FY 2010. (Enter this amount in Part A of Section 5 of the Application.)	\$0
14.	Enter the sum of the amounts on Line 12 and Line 13. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2010.	\$93,668,750
15.	Enter the amount obtained by subtracting the amount on Line 14 from the amount on Line 1. This is the amount of the Stabilization funds remaining to use to restore funds in FY 2011. This is the amount of the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation remaining to restore the levels of State support for education in FY 2011. (This amount is carried over to Line 1 of Worksheet 3-A or 3-B.)	\$140,287,176

**WORKSHEETS FOR PART 5, SECTION A: STATE USES OF EDUCATION
STABILIZATION FUNDS - CALCULATING THE RESTORATION AMOUNTS**

WORKSHEET 3-B: Calculating the amount of a State's Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2011 if, prior to October 1, 2008, the State enacted State elementary and secondary education formula increases for FY 2011 or State equity and adequacy adjustments

Line	Information	Amount
1.	Amount of the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation remaining after restoring the level of State support for education in FY 2009 and FY 2010 (If level of FY 2010 support was based on Worksheet 2-A, enter the amount on Line 12 of Worksheet 2-A; if level of FY 2010 support was based on Worksheet 2-B, enter the amount on Line 15 of Worksheet 2-B).	\$140,287,176
2.	Either the actual amount of State funds that the State provided through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2008 or a prior-enacted amount of State funds that the State provided or will provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2009 (Enter the amount on line 2 of Worksheet 1-A).	\$768,613,973
3.	Actual or projected amount that the State provided or will provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2009 (Enter the amount on Line 4 of Worksheet 1-A).	\$839,390,579
4.	Enacted amount (including formulae increases and equity and adequacy adjustments enacted prior to October 1, 2008) that the State would provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2011.	\$981,275,343
5.	Projected amount that the State will provide through its primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae in FY 2011.	\$840,988,167
6.	Enter the greater of the amounts on Lines 2, 3, or 4.	\$981,275,343
7.	If the amount on Line 5 is greater than the amount on Line 6, enter 0; if the amount on Line 6 is greater than the amount on Line 5, enter the difference.	\$140,287,176
8.	Enter the greater of (1) either the actual amount of State support for public institutions of higher education (IHEs) in FY 2008 or a prior-enacted amount of State support for public IHEs in FY 2009 or (2) actual or projected amount of State support for public IHEs in FY 2009 (i.e., Enter the greater of the amounts on Lines 3 and 5 of Worksheet 1-A).	\$608,776,382
9.	Projected amount of State support for public IHEs in FY 2011.	\$630,852,255
10.	If the amount on Line 9 is greater than the amount on Line 8, enter 0; if the amount on Line 8 is greater than the amount on Line 9, enter the difference.	\$0
11.	Enter the sum of the amounts on Line 7 and Line 10. This is the amount of funds needed to restore fully the levels of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2011. If the amount on Line 11 is greater than the amount on than Line 1, see <i>Worksheet 3-D for Shortfall calculations and do not complete Lines 12, 13 and 14.</i>	\$140,287,176
12.	If the amount on Line 1 is greater than the amount on Line 11, enter the amount from Line 7. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary and secondary education in FY 2011.	\$140,287,176
13.	If the amount on Line 1 is greater than the amount on Line 11, enter the amount from Line 10. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for postsecondary education in FY 2011.	\$0
14.	Enter the sum of the amounts on Line 12 and Line 13. This is the amount of funds from the State's total Education Stabilization Fund allocation to be used to restore the level of State support for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education in FY 2011.	\$140,287,176
15.	Enter the amount obtained by subtracting the amount on Line 14 from the amount on Line 1. This is the amount of the State's total Education Fund allocation that is available for subgrants to LEAs based on their proportionate shares of funding under Part A of Title I.	\$0

ATTACHMENT #1

PART 4, SECTION C: MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT BASELINE DATA

1. Additional Submission Requirements: In an attachment to the application –

- (a) Identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of State support for elementary and secondary education; - and –**

NEBRASKA RESPONSE

The level of state support for public elementary and secondary education represents the total amount (i.e., aggregate basis) of unrestricted aid provided to local school districts by the State of Nebraska in accord with the state's primary funding formula: the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-1001 et seq. (2008), as amended by LB 545, 2009 Neb. Laws.

For FY 2006 and FY 2009, amounts represent the total funding appropriated, certified, and distributed to local school districts. Actual aid appropriations are documented in the *Nebraska Information System*. For FY 2010, the amount represents the \$824,960,159 General Funds appropriated and documented in LB 545A, 2009 Neb. Laws and \$15,247,109 of available Insurance Premium Tax revenues. For FY 2011, the amount represents the \$825,928,798 General Funds appropriated and documented in LB 545A, 2009 Neb. Laws and \$15,059,369 of estimated Insurance Premium Tax revenues.

- (b) Identify and describe the data sources used in determining the levels of State support for public IHEs.**

NEBRASKA RESPONSE

The level of state support for public higher education in Nebraska represents the total amount of unrestricted General Fund appropriations provided to the: 1) Nebraska Community College System; 2) Nebraska State College System; and 3) University of Nebraska.

For FY 2006, the amount represents actual General Fund appropriations less earmarks. General Fund earmarks totaled \$20,791,137 in FY 2006, including but not limited to the \$11.2 million earmark for "targeted research at the University of Nebraska". Actual appropriations are documented by the *Nebraska Information System*. For FY 2009, General Fund appropriations less earmarks for public higher education are based on appropriations authorized by LB 321, 2007 Neb. Laws and LB 342A, 2008 Neb. Laws. For FY 2010 and FY 2011, General Fund appropriations less earmarks for public higher education are based on appropriations authorized by LB 315 and LB 603A, 2009 Neb. Laws.

ATTACHMENT #2

PART 5, SECTION A: STATE USES OF THE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

1. State's Primary Education Funding Formulae

Additional Submission Requirement: **In an attachment to the application, identify and describe each of the State's primary elementary and secondary education funding formulae that were used in determining the calculations provided above for the levels of State support for elementary and secondary education.**

NEBRASKA RESPONSE

Nebraska's primary funding formula for elementary and secondary education is the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) at Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-1001 et seq. (2008), as amended by LB 545A, 2009 Neb. Laws. In 2008, the formula was modified significantly by LB 988, 2008 Neb. Laws and more recently by LB 545, 2009 Neb. Laws. The equalization formula provides unrestricted aid for operational support to school districts where formula need exceeds local formula resources.

In general, the four major components of **formula need** are basic funding, allowances, adjustments and a need stabilization factor:

Basic funding is determined by comparing the spending of school districts of similar student enrollment. After excluding the highest and lowest spending peers, basic funding equals the average of non-allowance spending (i.e., general fund operating expenditures minus expenditures for allowances). For schools with at least 900 students, basic funding is calculated on a per pupil spending basis, while the calculation for smaller schools is determined at the district level. Basic funding represents about 77 percent of statewide formula need in the FY 2010 aid year.

Allowances target additional formula need to school districts with unique, high-priority needs. TEEOSA provides allowances to address the additional cost of educating students in poverty, English language learner programs and special education. Other allowances provide incentives to reduce class size in the early elementary grades, increase instructional time and develop focus school programs. Allowances also address the higher cost of transportation, distance learning and remote elementary sites for students in sparsely populated rural areas. For FY 2010, allowances represent 18.5 percent of statewide formula need.

Adjustments, with one exception, also increase formula need for specific district circumstances. The single largest adjustment is the averaging adjustment which increases formula need to schools with per pupil basic funding levels below the statewide average. Adjustments also increase formula need for schools with rapid student growth, summer school enrollment, and higher teacher education levels. The local choice adjustment reduces formula need for schools with fewer than 390 students operating near other schools. For FY 2010, adjustments represent about 4 percent of statewide formula need.

Need stabilization constrains formula need change from the prior year, preventing decline in formula need and constraining growth to 12%. However, growing districts are allowed to exceed the 12% growth limit. For FY 2010, this factor only increases statewide formula need about 0.4 percent.

The two most significant components of **local formula resources** for school districts are local property tax capacity and other local revenues collected. These components account for over 93 percent of local formula resources statewide. Property tax capacity is determined by assuming a rate of \$1 per \$100 of adjusted value, after adjustment per § 79-1016. Other local taxes, fees and miscellaneous revenues also

ATTACHMENT #2, continued

PART 5, SECTION A: STATE USES OF THE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

NEBRASKA RESPONSE

contribute formula resources to school districts, including the most significant local revenues: motor vehicle taxes, state apportionment of school land earnings, public power sales taxes, interest earnings, prorated motor vehicle, and local fine/license fees.

LB 545, 2009 Neb. Laws, moderated previously enacted formula increases.

For TEEOSA formula details please refer to the Nebraska Department of Education's *TEEOSA FAQ* document at: http://ess.nde.state.ne.us/SchoolFinance/StateAid/Downloads/0910/TEEOSA_Doc.pdf and the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act at Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-1001 et seq. (2008), as amended by LB 545A, 2009 Neb. Laws.

ATTACHMENT #3

PART 5, SECTION A: STATE USES OF THE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

2. Data on State Support for Postsecondary Education

Additional Submission Requirement: In an attachment to the application, identify and describe the specific State data sources that were used in determining the calculations provided above for the levels of State support for public IHEs.

NEBRASKA RESPONSE

The level of state support for public higher education in Nebraska represents the total amount of unrestricted General Fund appropriations provided to the: 1) Nebraska Community College System; 2) Nebraska State College System; and 3) University of Nebraska.

For FY 2006, the amount represents actual General Fund appropriations less earmarks. General Fund earmarks totaled \$20,791,137 in FY 2006, including but not limited to the \$11.2 million earmark for “targeted research at the University of Nebraska”. Actual appropriations are documented by the *Nebraska Information System*. For FY 2009, General Fund appropriations less earmarks for public higher education are based on appropriations authorized by LB 321, 2007 Neb. Laws and LB 342A, 2008 Neb. Laws. For FY 2010 and FY 2011, General Fund appropriations less earmarks for public higher education are based on appropriations authorized by LB 315 and LB 603A, 2009 Neb. Laws.

ATTACHMENT #4

PART 5, SECTION A: STATE USES OF THE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

3. Process for Awarding Funds to Public IHEs

Additional Submission Requirement: In an attachment to the application, describe the process that the State will use to determine the amount of funding that individual public IHEs will receive from the funds that the State sets aside to restore the levels of State support for these institutions.

NEBRASKA RESPONSE

Not applicable. In FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011, the State of Nebraska has and will maintain state support for public institutions of higher education (not including support for capital projects or for research and development or tuition and fees paid by students) above the level of such support in FY 2006.