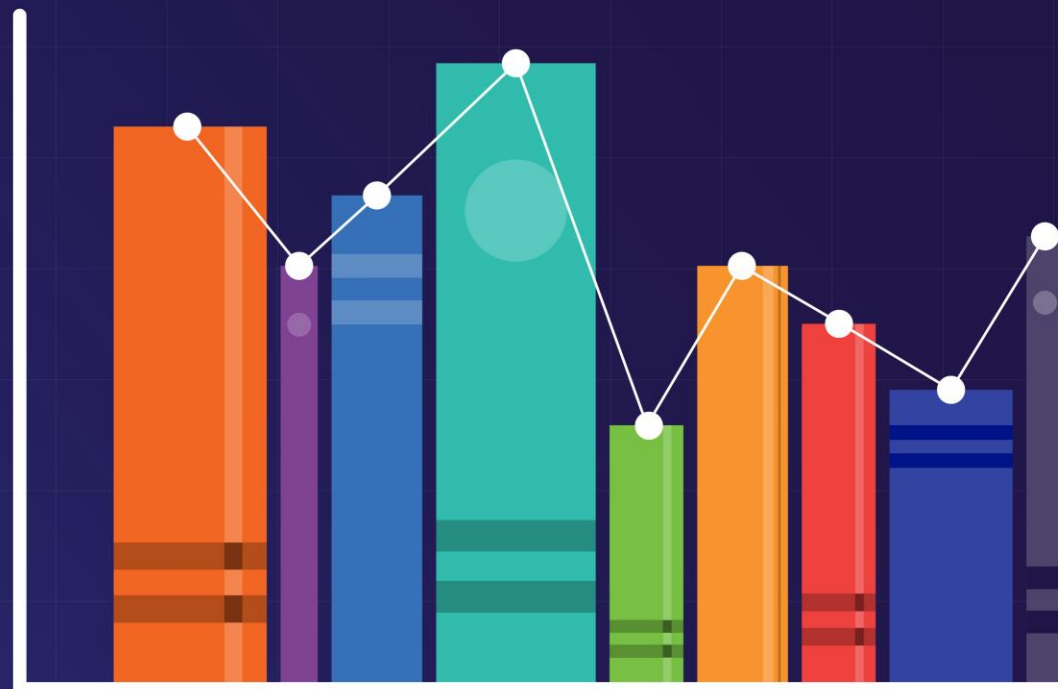




2026 NDE Data Conference Plenary Session

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Agenda

- Systems-Involved Youth & LB296 Implementation
- Literacy Screeners and Reading Improvement Act
- SLDS Update
- New Portal
- Person ID
- ADVISER Year End
- ADVISER 2026-2027 Changes
- Q&A

Systems Involved Youth & LB296

- **Finish Strong Nebraska** – entire implementation
 - Data sharing, credit evaluation, state diploma
- **RISE-SI: Records Integration Supporting Education for Systems-Involved Youth** – data system
 - Identification of youth, system for tracking these students and their educational records
- Registrars
- Credits
- State Diploma



Literacy Screeners & Reading Improvement Act

- **2026-2027** Approved Screener – DIBELS 8th Edition (mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition)
 - <https://www.education.ne.gov/nebraskareads/approved-assessments>
- Future – NDE receive screener data directly into ADVISER?



2023 SLDS Grant Update

Currently in Year 3

Topics you will hear about during the conference

- Systems-Involved Youth
- New Portal
- Person ID

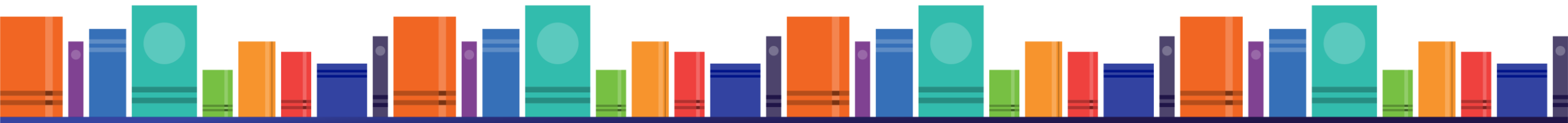


New Portal

- Statistics
- Terminology
- Transitions
- Helpful Tips
- Enhancements

New Portal User Statistics

- 3,400 accounts created in 2025
 - 324 in 2026
 - 106 remain unverified
- 470 District Admins
 - 255 Public
 - 178 Nonpublic
 - Remaining are ESU, Special Purpose and Rule 18
- 99 Proxies
- 2,543 users with access to ADVISER Person ID



New Portal Terminology

- SSO – Single Sign On; how District and ESU users log in
- EdOrg – District or ESU; users can have access to multiple EdOrgs
- Application – the place where data is submitted/reviewed
- Role – how access is requested/assigned
 - Single App – access to only one application
 - Multi App – access to multiple applications
 - District Admin and Proxy – person(s) who can assign/approve access
- Permissions – access within the portal and within applications; assigned through Role(s)
 - Can a user read only vs read/write?
 - Can the user approve new portal access requests?

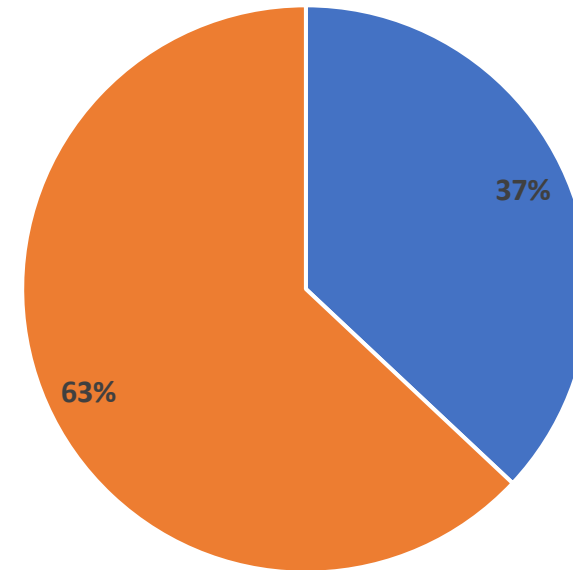


Legacy to New Portal

- 26 applications now in new portal
- 43 collections still in legacy

NDE is limited in how many collections we can transition based on the number of Developers we have (and budget).

Transition



■ Applications ■ Collections



Applications Moving into New Portal

Coming Soon:

- Reading Improvement Act
- DHHS Superintendent Letter
- Superintendent/ESU Administrator Transparency Act

Coming this Fall:

- Staff Reporting 26-27
- Assurance Statement

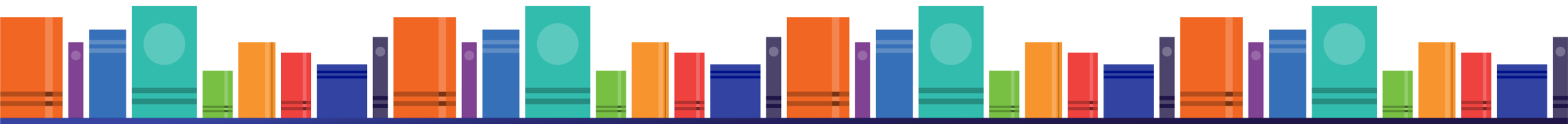


Other Updates

Because of changes being made for New Portal, eventually:

- NDE Staff ID will move into ADVISER Person ID
- NSSRS Validation (staff errors, reports, verifications) will move into ADVISER Validation
- MIPS (in CDC) will move into ADVISER Validation

Accordingly: new Permissions will be created for existing applications; may need to add new Roles to existing access.



New Portal Enhancements

- Home page Tile redesign
 - Larger 'click through to open' area
 - Date clarification
 - Due and Audit Window Close Dates will be listed
 - 'Completed' indicator
- Improved description options for various Roles/Permissions – both approver and requestor screens
- Group Request

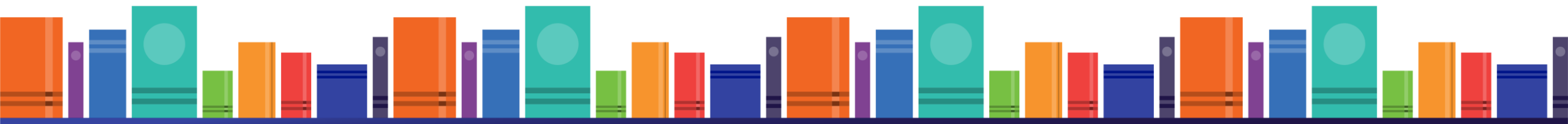
Ideas? NDE.ServiceDesk@Nebraska.gov



New Portal Tips/Tricks

From the Service Desk

- If getting a log-in failed message or the portal doesn't appear to load, try clearing your browser cache or try a different/Incognito browser
- District Admins/Proxies approve requests through their Admin Portal
 - Once user makes the request, message your District Admin



Changes Coming to Person ID

- Exempt Schools Integration
 - After parents submit exempt applications, system will send their data through Person ID for matching/creating IDs
 - Data includes a resident district field
 - ADVISER Validation will be adding a "Person ID Resident District" report that will list all students reported as residing in your district including those submitted by exempt, nonpublic, or other public schools
- Systems Involved Youth Integration
 - As part of the effort mentioned earlier, data NDE collects about foster or judicial placements will also be matched with Person IDs
 - This data is protected though and will not be accessible to districts

Changes Coming Later to Person ID

- Retiring NDE Staff ID
 - This is one of the oldest applications on the legacy NDE portal so we are looking to retire it by merging it into Person ID
 - Staff will have their own format for uploads and downloads, and will not be mixed into student data batches
 - Staff and Students will share a single set of unique IDs though
- Upgrading the matching engine
 - SLDS funds include help for NDE to upgrade the matching system in Person ID that is used for matching the batch data and for student searches
 - Goal is to use more modern techniques that should reduce the number of near matches, and hopefully run even faster

Changes in ADVISER Available Now

- Some changes have been made in 2025-2026 ADVISER mid year
 - See the updated ADVISER Data Elements v10.1 document available at <https://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/adviser-resources/> and check Appendix A
 - Due to a change in Rule 15, students can no longer be removed from their English Learner status via a decision from their IEP team – the only way to exit is via testing as proficient
 - No students should be reported with this flag this year
 - NDE will follow up with any districts that need updates



Available Now: Emergency Exclusions

- Reminder – emergency exclusions are defined in statute 79-264 as a temporary removal of a student by the school for reasons of health, safety, or learning disruption (please see statute for full details)
- NDE has created a set of data elements to tell us what students are being excluded, the date they were excluded, and which of the three reasons mentioned were the cause
- Now available to be submitted in ADVISER, but check with your SIS vendor to find out how to enter and report this data



Available Now: Emergency Exclusions

- Note: emergency exclusions are separate data elements from discipline incidents/suspensions/unilateral removals/etc. and a student may also need a discipline incident reported depending on the situation
- Note: a student may be reported as absent during an exclusion, similar to an out of school suspension
- We may not get a full dataset this year, but NDE expects the data can be fully reported starting from the beginning of the year in 2026-2027
- NDE will be adding a report to help validate this data



ADVISER Validation Changes

- Student Lookup by ID screen – you may now pick between seeing live data, locked Fall data, or locked Year End data
- Coming May/June – emergency exclusion report/add to student lookup
- Coming May/June – AQuESTT Postsecondary Readiness Student Data report to help preview data before it goes into the new AQuESTT metric this Fall
- Coming Summer – Student Educational Record report
- Stretch goal – validation errors that can be run separately against live data or locked data



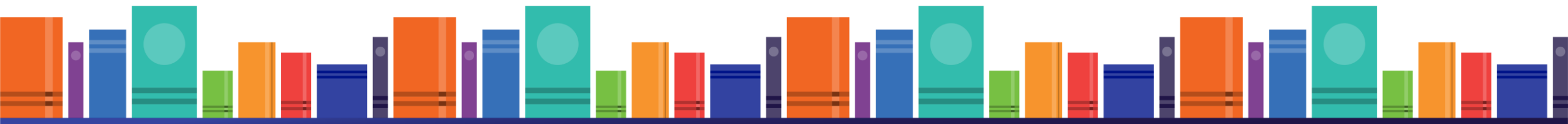
ADVISER Changes in 2026-2027

- No new version upgrades of the backbone Ed-Fi system
- Some additional cleanup of unneeded fields
 - Remove Expected High School of Graduation – unused, students have always needed to receive their 210 Exit Withdraw Code from the school that gave them the diploma
 - Remove SPED Part C to B Transition Delay Reason – data was not valid to be used in ILCD accountability reporting
- Adding new Exit Withdraw Code 218 "Completer with State High School Diploma" – will count the same as a 210 code



2026-2027 English Learner Programs

- New guidance regarding students that were reported as Redesignated Fluent in the past – please continue to report them with the Redesignated Fluent flag regardless of how long ago they became fluent
 - Report the same for any students formerly marked as Dismissed Via IEP as well
 - The EL Redesignated report will now indicate whether they were first marked as fluent or dismissed
- New flag added - Student Tested Proficient On Screener
 - Not an EL eligible student, but can still have a non-English dominant language



Individualized Reading Improvement Plan

- New IRIP program type added in 2026-2027
- Simple student program association record – only used to collect which students have an IRIP, along with the begin date and end date (optional)
- No other fields collected at this time, though NDE will be looking into this more in the future



CEDS Special Education Data Model

- CEDS = Common Education Data Standards
 - A common set of data standards overseen by the National Center for Education Statistics <https://ceds.ed.gov>
 - Largely overlaps with the Ed-Fi data standard used by NDE and they continue to grow together
- There is a group (CEDS-SEDM.org) helping create a new Special Education Data Model that will be integrating into CEDS and Ed-Fi in upcoming years
- SEDM is meant to be much more comprehensive of all SPED data used for federal accountability reporting



SPED IDEA Events

- NDE is not adopting everything from SEDM immediately, but next year we are starting off with the "IDEA Events" part of the model
- Collects dates of events related to initial evaluations, specifically with the goal of being able to supply data for indicator 11 (the number of days between parental consent given and evaluation meeting occurring)
- Can also be reported for students who aren't currently enrolled in your district, if you also upload a basic enrollment record with 0 FTE and have their state ID



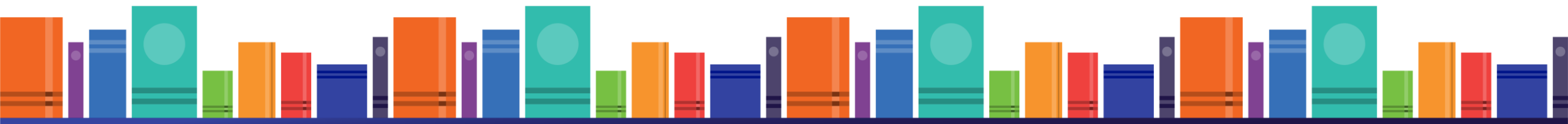
SPED IDEA Event (cont.)

- Event Descriptors (** = fields relevant to indicator 11 metric*)
 - Referral for Evaluation
 - Referral Discontinuation – process ended by district before evaluation
 - Parental Consent Denial – process ended by parent before evaluation
 - Parental Consent*
 - Evaluation*
 - Eligibility Determination*
 - Non-Eligibility Determination*
- Event Reason Descriptors
 - Initial Evaluation
 - Reevaluation – optional to submit these, not part of indicator 11



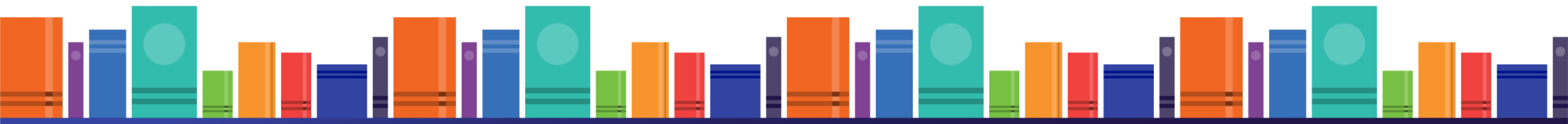
Course Transcripts

- NDE aims once again support sending the Student Academic Record & Course Transcript data elements, this time focusing on a limited set of fields compared to the total number of fields offered by Ed-Fi
- 2026-2027 will be a trial year to test the ability to get complete data for all high school students
 - This includes data on courses that were taken prior to the student transferring into the current district
 - Also looking for data on courses that are taken through external distance learning that go straight into a student's transcript rather than their typical schedule



Course Transcripts (cont.)

- Future goals include:
 - Full transcript data made available to NDE for state graduation plan eligibility determinations
 - Full transcript data available on new Student Educational Report for registrars
 - Possibly using a combination of course transcripts and the existing student section data to count towards required course submissions in the current year (i.e. Instructional Units, Teacher Endorsement Percentage, Career & Technical Education)





Live Q&A

Breakout Session Samples

Supporting Systems-Involved Youth: What Districts Need to Know	Wednesday, 9:00 am
Introducing the Next Iteration of the AQuESTT State Classification System (& others)	Tuesday, 2:10 pm
ADVISER Data Publishing Updates for 2026-2027 (& others)	Wednesday, 9:00 am Wednesday, 1:30 pm
School Finance: A Review of Collections and the Role of Data Integrity in Protecting District Funding	Wednesday, 11:00 am
From Evidence to Impact: Literacy Data in Action (& others)	Tuesday, 3:10 pm Wednesday, 11:00 am
Data Steward Roundtable (ADVISER) hosted by the Service Desk	Tuesday, 4:10 pm
Jitbit 101 (NDE's ticketing system)	Wednesday, 2:30 pm
“Where Did You Get This Data?” Busting Myths Behind SPP/APR and NECounts Data	Tuesday, Wednesday,

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ADVISER Resources:

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