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Important Dates and Deadlines

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- 1/20: [Healthy Schools Act \(HSA\) School Health Profile Informational Webinar](#)
- 1/21: [LEA Special Education Point of Contact \(LEA SE POC\) Monthly Support Webinar](#)
- 1/23: [LEA Institute II: "It Take a City to Knock It Out of the PARCC!"](#)
- 1/30: [FY15 LEA Reimbursement and Budgeting Business Process Adjustment](#)
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Deadlines

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- 1/30: [Translating the Next Generation Science Standards into Practice Pilot Study](#)
- 1/31: [DC School Garden Grant Request for Applications](#)
- 2/1: [2015 National History Teacher of the Year Award Nominations](#)
- 2/17: [Request For Applications for the 2015 CTE Certification Program](#)
- 2/23: [Request For Applications for the 2015 DC Career Academy Network \(DC-CAN\)](#)
- 4/1: [PAEMST 2015 Award Nominations Open](#)

Announcements

New

2015 National History Teacher of the Year Award Nomination Open

The 2015 National History Teacher of the Year Award is accepting nominations until February 1, 2015. Visit the [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History](#) to endorse an exceptional American history teacher. Elementary school teachers will be considered for the 2015 award while middle and high school teachers will be considered



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for the 2016 award. Any K-12 teacher may be nominated throughout the year. The District winner receives \$1,000 prize while the national winner receives \$10,000 and a ceremony in their honor in New York City. This is an exciting opportunity for American history teachers to be recognized for finding creative ways to bring history to life in their classrooms.

PAEMST 2015 Awards Nomination/Application Open

The National Science Foundation is currently accepting nominations and applications for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) program. PAEMST is the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 mathematics and science (including computer science) teaching. Since 1983, more than 4,300 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to mathematics and science education. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. Up to 108 awardees may be recognized each year.

The PAEMST program is open to outstanding mathematics and science (including computer science) teachers in the 50 states; Washington, D.C.; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Department of Defense Education Activity schools; and the U.S. territories as a group.

Anyone – principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public – may nominate a teacher by completing the nomination form available on the PAEMST website. To submit a nomination, you'll need the teacher's name, email address, and school contact information. If you know more than one teacher deserving of this award, you may submit more than one nomination. Teachers may also apply directly at www.paemst.org.

Presidential awardees receive a certificate signed by the President of the United States; a trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities; and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. The National Science Foundation administers PAEMST on the behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The Nomination Deadline is April 1, 2015. This date gives the nominated teacher time to prepare an application prior to the application deadline. The Application Deadline is May 1, 2015, for secondary school teachers (grades 7-12). Elementary school teachers (grades K-6) are eligible to apply during the 2015-2016 program year.

FY15 LEA Reimbursement and Budgeting Business Process Adjustment

OSSE will revise the business process in place for budgeting and receiving reimbursements from grant programs administered by OSSE due to implementation of the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS).

Beginning FY 2015, all reimbursement requests will be processed through EGMS. EGMS will replace the Payment Tracking System (PTS). LEAs will no longer submit distinct budgets for a single grant program across multiple grant phases in EGMS.

Please note the following important changes:



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1. LEAs will submit a single budget application per federal grant program via EGMS (i.e., a budget for Title I-A Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Carryover will have a combined budget as Title I-A Federal Fiscal Year 2014).

- LEA receives preliminary allocation under grant program within EGMS;
- LEA develops preliminary site-based budget application within the system based on preliminary allocation; upon approval of preliminary budget application by OSSE programmatic staff, the LEA may begin requesting reimbursement under the particular grant program;
- LEA receives final current year allocation under grant program within the EGMS as necessary (revisions to preliminary allocations may not be required depending on circumstances and grant program); LEA must revise budget application as necessary to align to final allocation amount prior to requesting additional reimbursements within the EGMS;
- Later in the school year, LEA receives carry-over funds within EGMS (if applicable); LEA must revise budget application for grant program as necessary to align to overall allocation amount, with such amount including carry-over funds; LEA must revise budget application as necessary prior to requesting additional reimbursements within EGMS; and
- If applicable, upon LEA's application and budget receiving approval after allocation of carry-over funding, LEA may begin requesting reimbursement; for such reimbursement requests, carry-over funds will be used for payment until they are no longer available, at which point current-year funds will be used.

2. The budget will now reflect the following:

- Federal funds available to a particular LEA under the particular grant program; and
- Site-based budgeting (i.e., line-item budgeting per campus) for an LEA with multiple campuses.

This method of budgeting will increase both State Educational Agency and LEA accountability and oversight, while also enhancing organizational control. This process will better support grants management between OSSE and LEAs within the District of Columbia. Specifically, it will greatly reduce the potential for lapsed funds as EGMS prioritizes expiring federal funds for reimbursement, and it will streamline and consolidate the grant budgeting process.

For further guidance, OSSE will be hosting a webinar on the following dates:

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| January 30, 2015, 11 a.m. | February 3, 2015, 2 p.m. |
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DCPS Chancellor’s Parent Cabinet Application Open

DCPS is excited to announce that the application process has opened for the second cohort of the Chancellor’s Parent Cabinet to serve beginning March 2015. The Parent Cabinet provides a forum for meaningful dialogue between families, the Chancellor, and the DCPS Leadership Team.

To apply, parents may submit an online application or send in a paper application. We have posted an overview of the Parent Cabinet as well as all of the application materials on the [DCPS Website](#). Please share this information with your networks or consider applying if you are a DCPS parent. All [applications](#) must be submitted by January 20, 2015, at 11:59 p.m.

For questions and additional information, contact the [Office of Family and Public Engagement](#) or call on (202) 719-6613.

PARCC Spring Manuals Now Available

Test Coordinator and Test Administrator [PARCC Assessments Manuals for Spring 2015](#) now available. Further trainings and guidance on [PARCC administration](#) is also available.

For questions, please email osse.assessment@dc.gov.

Enrollment Audit Data for SY 2014-2015

As we approach the final stages of the Enrollment Audit, please note that we have made minor adjustments to our timeline to accommodate desktop and in-person appeals received during the holiday season. The chart below outlines the updated timeline moving forward regarding the Enrollment Audit closeout.



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| Date | Task |
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| Friday, January 9, 2015 | OSSE uploads appeals dataset to SLED for LEA review. |
| Tuesday, January 13, 2015 5 p.m. | LEA deadline to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Submit in-person appeals documentation for review via QuickBase (refer to appeals guidance for documents needed) Please note that no new appeals will be accepted at this time. ● E-mail osse.enrollmentaudit@dc.gov with the roster of students you are appealing during the hearing (use template). ● Sign up for a one (1) hour slot for your in-person appeal hearing at the OSSE office. The time schedule will be uploaded to the website by the end of this week. For more information, please visit the OSSE website . |
| January 15–16, 2015 | In-person appeal hearings at OSSE. You will be notified of your confirmed date and time based on your request. |
| February, 2015 | Final release of Enrollment Audit and Child Count Data |
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For questions or concerns, please email osse.enrollmentaudit@dc.gov.

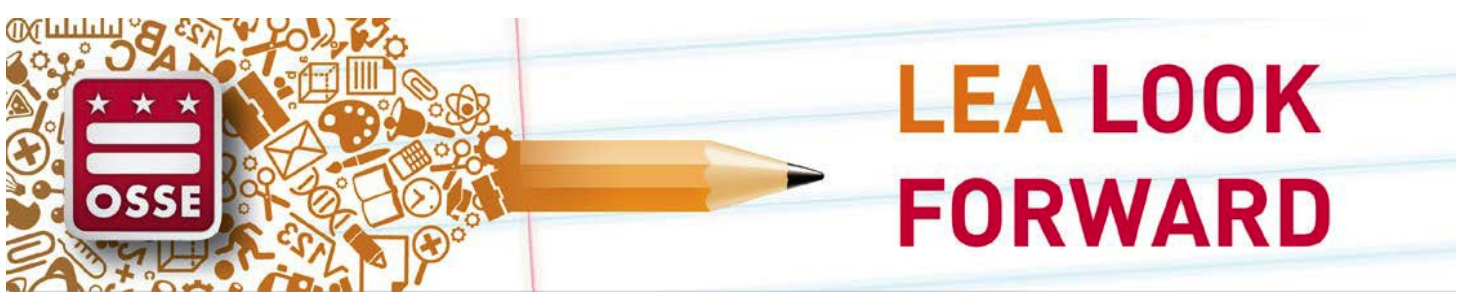
Professional Development

New

SAVE THE DATE: PARCC School and LEA Test Coordinator and Technology Coordinator Trainings and DC Test Integrity Training

Monday, February 2, 2015 (Charter Schools) and Tuesday, February 3, 2015 (DCPS)

Location: TBA



Attention school and LEA assessment contacts and technology coordinators: Official trainings for PARCC and DC Test Integrity will take place February 2 and 3. Attending one of these trainings is mandatory for school test coordinators (aka test monitor or test chairperson). Registration information and details will be coming soon. Note that the roles of Test Monitors and Test Integrity Coordinators (as per the DC Test Integrity Act) are called School and LEA Test Coordinators in PARCC.

Morning:

School and LEA Test Coordinator Trainings for PARCC (Required for Test Monitors and Test Integrity Coordinators)

Afternoon:

DC Test Integrity Training for all Statewide Assessments (Required for Test Monitors and Test Integrity Coordinators)

PARCC Technology Coordinators Training (Optional, but recommended, for school and LEA technology coordinators)

For questions, please email osse.assessment@dc.gov.

PARCC/CCSS Mathematics Professional Development Series

In an effort to support instructional best practices and provide robust training and technical assistance in mathematics throughout the District, OSSE is offering a series of standards-based mathematics professional development. This professional development opportunity is specifically aligned with the Common Core State Mathematics Standards (CCSS) and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment. These professional development and training sessions will include interactive workshops, targeted support, and high-quality resources for teachers and administrators to increase student performance and achievement in the area of mathematics.

Who: Math educators

Dates: Tuesday, January 27; Wednesday, February 4; Thursday, February 19; Thursday, February 26; and Monday, March 2, 2015.

Location: All sessions will be held at Charles Sumner School Museum, The George F. T. Cook Conference Room (Room 101), 1201 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC

(Corner of 17th and M Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20036)

[Register for Multiple Sessions](#)

Reminder

The Best Me I Can Be: Implementing Student-led IEPs in the Special Education Planning Process



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Research has shown that students who actively participate throughout the IEP process have higher levels of school engagement and are more likely to achieve their academic and personal goals. Participants will learn how student-led IEPs fit within the broader concept of self-determination and become familiar with resources, including The Best Me I Can Be film modules and the Student-led IEP Toolkit, that illustrates how to facilitate increased student engagement in the planning process for students of all ages through curriculum, activities, and guided discussions.

Presenter: OSSE Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education (ESSE)

Date: January 30 and February 27, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: OSSE 810 First St. NE, Washington, DC 20002

[Register](#)

LEA Special Education Point of Contact (LEA SE POC) January 2015 Monthly Support Webinar and Upcoming Dates

OSSE is hosting monthly webinars for all LEA Special Education Points of Contact (LEA SE POC).

The next broadcast is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015, from 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

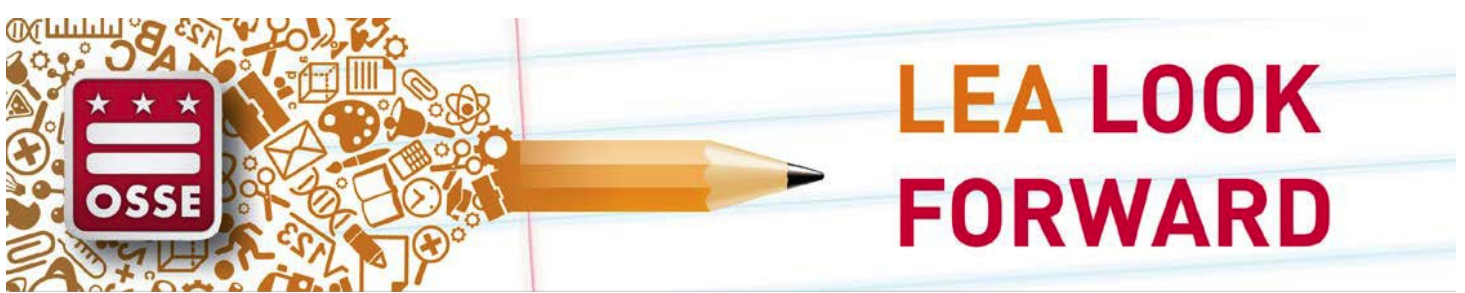
Various topics will be discussed, including:

- SEDS updates and alerts
- The release of new OSSE special education policies
- OSSE Support Tool updates
- Data quality, including enrollment, records transfers, compliance reports, etc.
- Training tips
- Resources and announcements

[Register](#)

Scheduled Upcoming Dates:

- Wednesday, February 18, 2015
- Wednesday, March 18, 2015
- Wednesday, April 22, 2015
- Wednesday, May 20, 2015



Support College-Bound Students Experiencing Homelessness in Applying and Paying for College

OSSE invites you to participate in the following webinars made available by the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE). NCHE is Paving the Way to College for Students Experiencing Homelessness. As a reminder, January 2015 kicks off "FAFSA season," so make sure you have the information you need to support your college-bound students experiencing homelessness in applying and paying for college.

NCHE is offering the following webinars free of charge during the month of January:

- **McKinney-Vento 101: School Access and Stability under the McKinney-Vento Act**

Thursday, January 15, 2015 | 1 p.m.–2 p.m. ET

- **McKinney-Vento 102: Support for School Success and Special Populations**

Thursday, January 22, 2015 | 1 p.m.–2 p.m. ET

- **Paving the Way to College for Students Experiencing Homelessness**

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 | 1 p.m.–2:15 p.m. ET

Please access the [NCHE](#) website for webinar descriptions or to [register](#) for any of the above webinar sessions. Also, please feel free to share information about the webinars with colleagues you believe may be interested.

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training and Upcoming Dates

The Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training program, developed by the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), is embraced worldwide as a highly effective behavior management system for organizations committed to providing quality care and services in a respectful, safe environment. The strategies taught in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training program provide participants with a proven framework for decision making and problem solving to prevent, de-escalate, and safely respond to disruptive or assaultive behavior. This event will not go over physical restraint techniques. Please wear comfortable clothing, closed-toed shoes, and bring a water bottle.

OSSE will host a training once a month during SY 2014-2015.

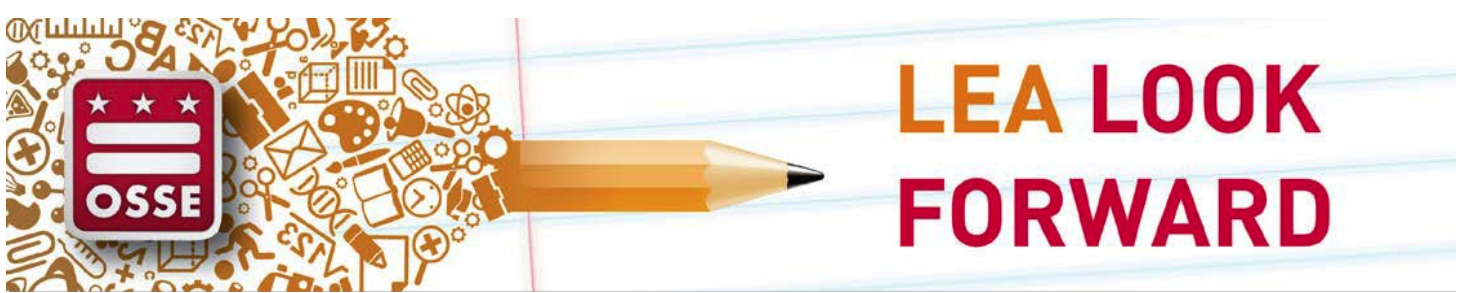
The next training will occur:

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: OSSE, 810 First Street, NE, 3rd Floor Grand Hall

[Register](#)



Scheduled Upcoming Dates:

- Wednesday, February 25, 2015
- Tuesday, March 24, 2015
- Tuesday, April 28, 2015
- Friday, May 29, 2015

Events

Reminder

LEA Institute II: “It Takes a City to Knock it Out of the PARCC!”

OSSE will host the second LEA Institute “It Takes a City to Knock it Out the PARCC!” on Friday, January 23, 2015, at Gallaudet University’s Kellogg Center, 800 Florida Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002. The LEA Institute will focus on preparing and gearing up educators for the Next Generation of Assessments (NGA), including (a) PARCC, (b) NCSC, (c) NGSS, and (d) health. OSSE is inviting national and local experts to provide pertinent information and to answer your most pressing questions in the following areas:

- NGA Communication Strategies
- Assessment and ESEA Accountability
- Curriculum Alignment: Tools of the Trade
- Instructional Shifts and Best Practices
- Assessment Procedures and Technology Readiness
- Assessment Considerations for Special Populations

Participants will have the opportunity to present their questions to subject matter experts during panel presentations and in one-on-one sessions. In addition, an OSSE NGA ambassador will be assigned to each LEA to provide them with supports and information. Please [register](#) today. Also, follow the event on social media using #DCITAC.