

May 28 - June 4, 2015



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## District Highlights

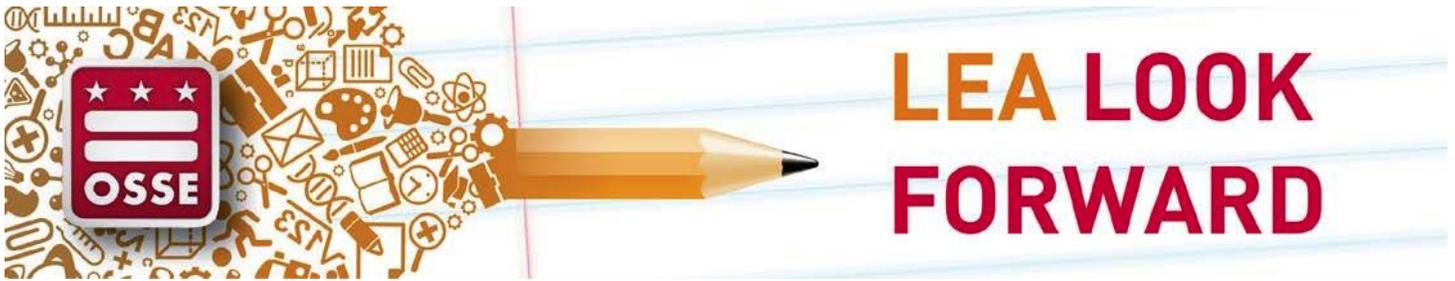
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## Important Dates and Deadlines

### Dates

- [2015 DC Assessment Timeline](#)
- 5/28: [Next Generation Assessment \(NGA\) Meeting](#)
- 5/28: [LEA Data Discussion Meeting](#)
- 6/5: [DeSean Jackson F.A.S.T Elite Skills Football Camp](#)
- 6/6: [DC Free Summer Meals Program Kickoff at Truck Touch](#)

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## Deadlines

- 5:29: [National Public Education Financial Survey](#)
- 6/1: [DC Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Phase 1 Deadline](#)
- 6/26: [FY 2016 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant Application Deadline](#)
- 6/30: [DCTAG Application Deadline](#)
- 7/20: [Extended Learning Opportunities Grant Application Deadline](#)

## Announcements

### New

#### **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Focus Group**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) require the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) and schools to work together to assist youth with disabilities in gaining skills and experiences that will prepare them for future post-school employment. . On June 24, 2015, OSSE and RSA are hosting a focus group at OSSE, 810 First St. NE, Washington, DC 20002 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Room 806 A/B, to provide a forum for schools to:

- Learn more about current youth-focused employment policies and initiatives;
- Discuss ways in which OSSE and RSA can support schools in preparing students for employment;
- Identify barriers to accessing RSA services; and
- Suggest potential partnerships to increase awareness and family engagement.

If you are interested in participating, please register by visiting <http://bit.ly/1LLBwRI> no later than Monday, June 22, 2015. For more information, please contact [Ms. Naté Dearden](#) at 202-741-0267.

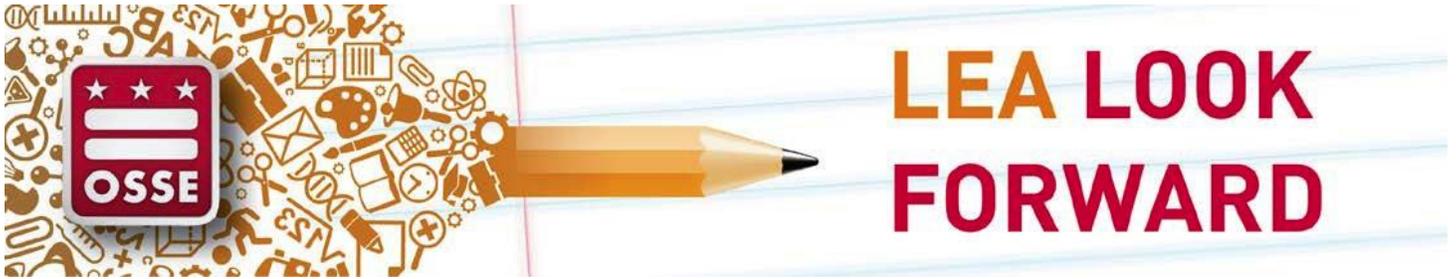
#### **Homeschool Notification Due Date**

Parents must submit their online Homeschool Notification Form for the 2015-16 School Year on or before the August 15 notification date. The online notification may be found at <http://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-homeschooling-program>.

#### **SOAR Application Deadline Extended**

Due to some applicants experiencing technical difficulties with the Electronic Grants Management System (EGMS), OSSE is extending the application submission deadline to Friday, June 5 at 3 p.m. Please note that the estimated award date for the grants will be pushed back a week accordingly. Should you encounter any technical difficulties while completing your applications, please contact the EGMS Support Team at [osse.callcenter@dc.gov](mailto:osse.callcenter@dc.gov) or (202) 719-6500. Visit [OSSE's website](#) for more information.

## Reminders



### **DC Science FAQ Available**

OSSE has developed a DC Science Assessment FAQ, which provides detailed responses on questions OSSE has received on topics ranging from test administration to accommodations. For more details, please see [OSSE's website](#).

### **OSSE Celebrates School Bus Drivers and Attendants**

Please join OSSE's Division of Student Transportation (OSSE DOT) in recognizing the School Bus Drivers and Attendants of the Month for May 2015:

#### **OSSE DOT Drivers of the Month**

Phyllis Commodore | 5th Street Terminal

Marie Sonia Bolane | Adams Place Terminal

Jean Jude Fonrose | New York Avenue Terminal

Eric A. Dyson | Southwest Terminal

#### **OSSE DOT Attendants of the Month**

Twanna Jones | 5th Street Terminal

Janie Barksdale | Adams Place Terminal

Karen Chamberlain | New York Avenue Terminal

Rosemary Foster | Southwest Terminal

Each month, OSSE DOT recognizes one exemplary bus driver and attendant from each of its four bus terminals in DC (5th Street, Adams Place, New York Avenue and Southwest) as part of the division's [Recognition Program for Bus Drivers and Attendants of Special Education Students](#).

The drivers and attendants have been identified by DC parents, students, teachers and school staff as outstanding stewards of the community. Since the program's launch in May 2014, OSSE DOT has received over 700 [online](#) and [mail-in nominations](#) for DC bus drivers and attendants. Nominations are accepted year-long and counted the first Tuesday of every month. [Recognize your school bus driver and attendant today!](#)

## **Professional Development**

**New**



# LEA LOOK FORWARD

## **Online Professional Development Opportunity- Serving Students in Transitory Housing**

OSSE invites your LEA to participate in the following webinars made available by the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE), a federally funded information and technical assistance center at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro (UNCG). NCHE will be offering the following webinars free of charge during the months of May, June, or July. Webinars are listed below in alphabetical order by title, with available dates shown below each title:

### **Case-by-Case -- Processing McKinney-Vento Scenarios:**

Thursday, May 28, 2015 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. EST

### **Supporting the Education of Unaccompanied Homeless Students:**

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM EST

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

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST

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

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST

### **NCHE Coffee Break -- Understanding Doubled-Up:**

Friday, July 17, 2015 | 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. EST

### **Determining Eligibility for McKinney-Vento Rights and Services:**

Monday, July 27, 2015 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. EST

Who should participate? In accordance with the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act, LEAs must collaborate and coordinate with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to children and youth in homeless situations. You are encouraged to participate and to invite LEA administrators, social workers, liaisons, counselor and others (ex: homeless families) responsible for coordinating services to ensure that homeless children and youth enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically. For complete webinar descriptions, or to register for any of these webinars, please visit <http://center.serve.org/nche/web/group.php>.

## **Funding Opportunities**

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# LEA LOOK FORWARD

## Now Accepting Applications for the Dual Enrollment Partnership Grant

OSSE is excited to announce that the Dual Enrollment Partnership Grant application is now open. This grant competition funds partnering Local Education Agencies (LEA) and Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) providing dual enrollment programming to eligible students in the District during the 2015-2016 academic year. Awards will be up to \$250 per student per course to cover books, fees, and transportation. The application is available on OSSE's EGMS [website](#). OSSE will hold two pre-application webinars to answer questions about the application on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm and Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am- 12:00pm. Please email Mike Andrews, Program Manager, with questions. Applications are due by 5:00pm EST on July 15, 2015.

### Webinar Info Session 1

When: May 29, 2015  
Time: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
[Link to register](#)

### Webinar Info Session 2

When: June 17, 2015  
Time: 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.  
[Link to register](#)

## Reminder

### Farm Field Trip Grant SY15-16

On May 8, 2015 the NOFA for the Farm Field Trip Grant SY15-16 was released in the DC Register. The application will be available through the Enterprise Grants Management System starting on May 22, 2015 and a copy of the Request for Applications will be available for viewing on the [Farm to School service page of OSSE's website](#). All applications must be submitted through the Enterprise Grants Management System.

For more information about this grant email OSSE's Farm to School Specialist [Erica Walther](#) or call (202) 442-8940.

## Events

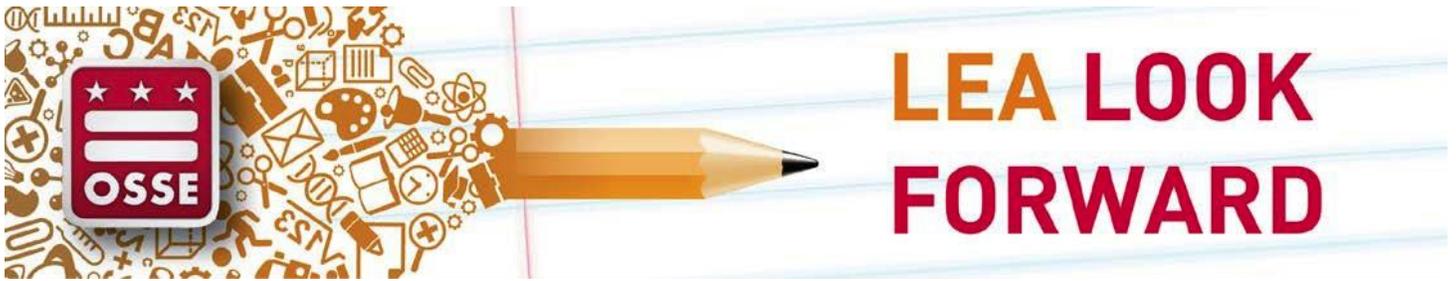
## Reminder

### Registration Open! Federal Grants Management Conference

OSSE is pleased to announce the opening of registration for its annual Federal Grants Management Conference. The conference, sponsored by OSSE's Office of Grants Management and Compliance (OGMC), will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2015, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Gallaudet University.

The conference will address issues related to:

- the federal grants management process;



- available funding opportunities and resources;
- basic grants management; and
- procurement.

These topics and more will be discussed during the conference.

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Location: Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Gallaudet University - 800 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002

For further information about the conference, please contact [Angela Clemons](#).

[Register](#)