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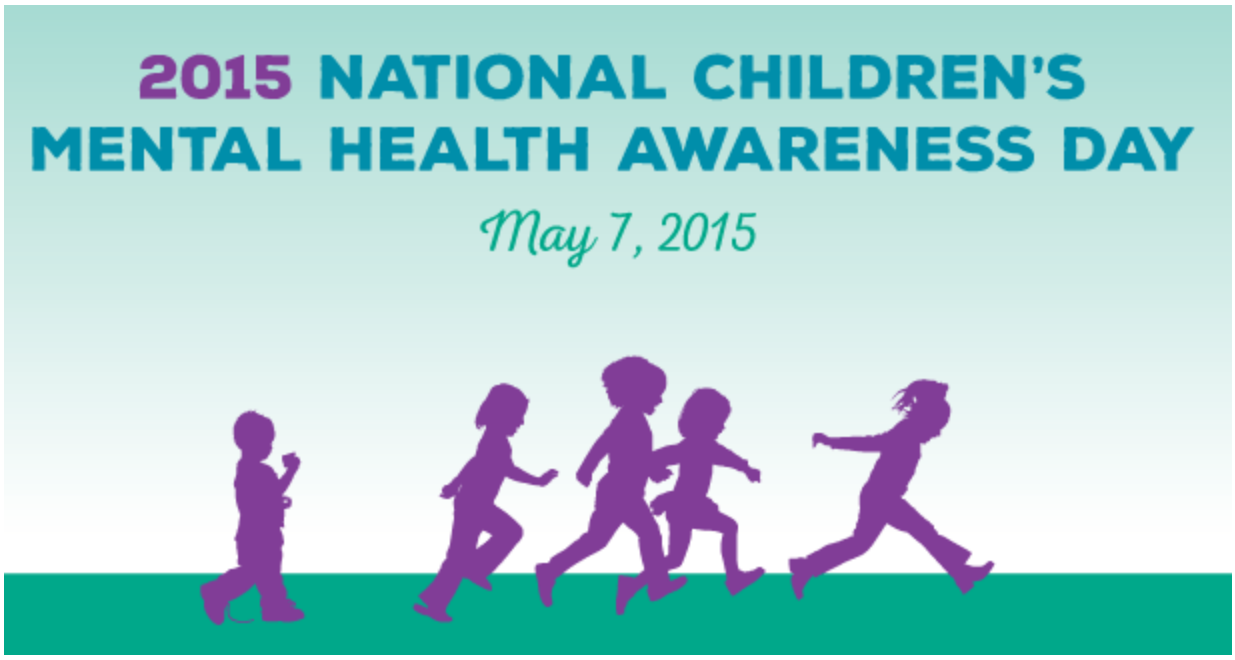

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District Highlights

- Get prepared for the DC Science Assessment
- We want your feedback on EGMS
- Register your school for Strawberries and Salad Greens Day
- PHOTOS: Inaugural DC Educators Award Celebration

Important Dates and Deadlines

Dates

- **2015 DC Assessment Timeline**
- 5/7: Children's Mental Health Awareness Day
- 5/18: NGSS Assessment Begins
- 5/20: Strawberries & Salad Greens Day
- 6/5: DeSean Jackson F.A.S.T Elite Skills Football Camp

>>>View the OSSE calendar

Deadlines

- 5/1: AFHK School Grants for Healthy Kids Application Deadline
- 5/11: Public Comment Ends for FFY 2015 Draft State Grant Application Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- 5/20: DC Free Summer Meals Sponsor Application 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

DC Science Assessment: Webinars, Manual, & Other Resources

OSSE will host two webinars to support LEAs and schools in preparation for the administration of this year's DC Science Assessment.

- Monday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.: PearsonAccess Next Webinar (student registration and managing test sessions)
- Tuesday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m.: Accessibility Features and Accommodations Webinar

The PearsonAccess Next Webinar will review the Pearson Access Next Training Module and includes step-by-step directions for completing student registration and managing computer-based test sessions.

The Accessibility Features and Accommodations Webinar will review the Accommodations and Accessibility Science Crosswalk and includes instructions on completing the Personal Needs Profile (PNP) for Science.

OSSE has also developed a 2014-2015 Science Assessment Manual to support this year's test administration.

You can stay up-to-date on the DC Science Assessment on the DC Science Assessment Website. This site includes everything you will need to successfully administer the assessment, including an Accommodations Crosswalk, Field Test Guideline, PearsonAccess Next Training Module, and more.

For more information, visit osse.dc.gov or contact osse.assessment@dc.gov.

EGMS Performance Measures Survey

OSSE wants your feedback! Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) represents a big investment for all of us and in the spirit of continuous improvement and user satisfaction, we have established three performance indicators that we will measure periodically to track progress:

- With EGMS, grant applications are a straightforward process.

- With EGMS, my agency/organization receives grant reimbursement on time (within 30 days of an approved invoice).
- My agency/organization is using EGMS to support improvement in grant implementation and outcomes.

Go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9B7N858 to share your thoughts on these indicators. As you can see the survey is very brief and can be completed in just a couple of minutes. Please complete your survey by Friday, May 15, close of business.

Reminder

DC Science Assessment Accessibility Features and Accommodations Webinar
This webinar will provide an overview of accommodations and accessibility features available on the DC Science Assessment, which has a testing window of May 18 through June 19, 2015. The webinar will cover topics including: review of accommodations and accessibility features available on the DC Science Assessment; using the DC Science Assessment/SEDS crosswalk to select appropriate accommodations and accessibility features for students; and editing students' Personal Needs Profiles in Pearson Access Next for Science. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, from 1 p.m.–2 p.m.

Register

Professional Development

Reminders

Center for Disease Control and Prevention's School Health Index Tool: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide Workshop (Free On-Demand Webinar)

The School Health Index (SHI): Self-Assessment & Planning Guide is an online free self-assessment and planning tool that schools can use to improve their health and safety policies and programs.

This free on-demand webinar provides a school with a general overview of what SHI is, its purpose, and why it is used. Participants who complete this workshop will receive additional information on how to access resources and support for implementation.

Duration: Approximately 16 minutes

Register

For more information, contact The Health Education Team.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

This training is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily

designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. Participants will receive 8 Personal Learning Units.

Presenter: Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)

Date: May 28, July 27, August 10, September 9, October 7, November 18, December 9

Time: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Location: OSSE, 810 First Street, NE, 3rd Floor Grand Hall or Room 806 (email will be sent)

Register

LEA Special Education Point of Contact Monthly Webinar

OSSE hosts a monthly webinar for all LEA Special Education Points of Contact (LEA SE POCs) to ensure that schools are informed about relevant policies and procedures that support best practice in special education. The next broadcast will be Wednesday, May 20, 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

Presenter: OSSE Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Time: 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

Register

Funding Opportunities

New

Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act Requests for Applications Now Available

OSSE is pleased to announce that the Requests for Applications (RFAs) for FFY2014 SOAR Act Funding are now available at osse.dc.gov.

For more information, please contact Katherine Cox.

Events

New

Strawberries & Salad Greens Day

Strawberries & Salad Greens Day is an annual event that celebrates seasonality and the consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables as part of the school meal program. Each year, schools and food service companies purchase strawberries and a variety of salad greens from local farms to incorporate into the school breakfast, lunch or supper meals. In addition, schools set-up 'education stations' in the cafeteria that teach students what it means to 'buy local' and how strawberries and lettuce plants grow in the ground to help make the connection to the foods they are seeing on their tray. If your school plans on participating in this event, please click here to register. For more information, visit http://osse.dc.gov/service/strawberries-salad-greens-day.

- Date Wednesday, May 20, 2015
- Link Register for the event
- Contact For further information, please contact: Erica Walther at (202) 442 – 8940 or Erica.walther@dc.gov.

Reminders

2nd Annual DC Secondary Transition Institute

Did you know that secondary transition planning for students with disabilities is a federal requirement? Did you know that compliance with this requirement is a priority improvement area for DC? The DC Secondary Transition Institute provides an opportunity for educators to receive resources and support that will assist schools in meeting IDEA secondary transition requirements and improving postsecondary outcomes for transition-aged youth (ages 14 to 22) with disabilities.

Participants in the DC Secondary Transition Institute will:

- Receive information on how to increase student involvement in the transition planning process;
- Learn how to foster interagency collaboration; and,
- Develop a school-based strategic plan for improving secondary transition compliance and program quality.

Participating LEAs/schools are encouraged to register as teams, rather than as individuals, by May 26, 2015. Please see the event Web page for more details or contact Naté Dearden.

Presenter: Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: 810 First St. NE, Washington DC 20002, 3rd Floor Grand Hall

Register

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