

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Engaging in advocacy happens all year. When the Legislature inserts itself into the boardroom or the classroom, lawmakers need to hear from YOU! Advocating for LOCAL CONTROL is critical. Here's what you can do.

STAY INFORMED

Track the legislation that impacts your district; Get updates from NASB's Advocacy Team; Have the data that tells your story (Spending, Student Demographics, School Needs); Attend the Legislative Issues Conference, Area Meetings & State Education Conference

KNOW THE PROCESS

The 60-Day Session began Wednesday, January 7, and ends April 17. Bill introduction was the first 10 days of the Session. Committee Hearings take place the first 30 days. Priority Bills are identified mid-February

ENGAGE

Facilitate regular meetings with your representative; Engage in the process; Go on Record! (Come testify, write a letter, send an email); Come to Lincoln for a day at the Capitol; Consider becoming one of NASB's "expert go-to members" in an area where you can engage!

NASB CAN ASSIST YOU ... JUST ASK!

NASB represents all member Districts & ESUs in Nebraska, and lobbies on YOUR behalf. We are guided by an agenda developed annually by the NASB Legislation Committee initiated with submissions from YOU, then approved by YOU at the Delegate Assembly each November. We are here to help you position yourself as the expert in the education of students you share with your Senator(s). Make sure you are the first call when a bill effecting your shared community is considered. Thanks for sharing your district's story and engaging!



BOOKMARK & FREQUENT NASB'S BILLS PAGE AT
<https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills>

Priority Designations

LB 304



(DeBoer) Eliminate a sunset date for the federal Child Care Subsidy program
Sen. DeBoer Priority

LB 468



(Clements) Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, change certain fee and tax provisions, and eliminate a sales tax exemption relating to data centers
Sen. Clements Priority ... Currently on Select File

AM being considered which would reduce motor vehicle tax payments to schools, giving it to counties as an offset to the inheritance tax - (LB 714).

LB 730

(Kauth) Require schools and state agencies to designate restrooms and locker rooms based on sex and require state agencies to define an individual's sex as either male or female for purposes of rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative actions, and adjudication of disputes
Sen. Kauth Priority ... Currently on General File

LB 803

(Revenue) Change provisions relating to the listing of taxable tangible personal property
Revenue Committee Priority ... Shell bill for purposes of property tax legislation

LB 935



(Bosn) Provide for the award of costs and attorney's fees in certain actions involving political subdivisions
Judiciary Committee Priority

Priority Designations

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LB 937 (Education) Change provisions relating to option enrollment, reading, dyslexia, reporting, teacher apprenticeships, teacher recruitment and retention, and the College Pathway Program
Education Committee Priority ... Likely to be a vehicle for other measures
Annual NDE "clean up" bill. Significant pushback regarding a provision to reduce reporting requirements of districts regarding students with reading difficulty.

LB 966 **(Cavanaugh, M.) Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act**
Sen. Hunt Priority



LB 1034 (Dungan) Prohibit school staff from allowing federal immigration enforcement officers to access schools without a judicial warrant
Sen. Juarez Priority

LB 1050 **(Murman at the request of the Governor) Amend the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act to limit advancement to grade four**



Education Committee Priority
Look for a CALL TO ACTION to contact your Senator soon!



LB 1219 **(Brandt) Limit the amount of property taxes that may be levied by a political subdivision**
Sen. Hansen Priority ... Voted out of Committee on 2/18/26



Look for a CALL TO ACTION to contact your Senator soon!
Limits levy to prior year allowable growth. Allowable growth percentage means a percentage equal to the sum of two percent plus the political subdivision's real growth percentage.



LR 292 CA (Andersen) Constitutional amendment to provide a new method of valuing real property for property tax purposes, provide a limit on property tax increases, provide certain exceptions, provide requirements for declared emergencies, provide for emergency bond levies, and eliminate conflicting constitutional provisions.



Sen. Andersen Priority
Mirrors California's Prop 13.

**** 25 Speaker Priorities were announced this morning ****

Other Bills In Play for Education Package

LB 440 **(Spivey) Adopt the Education Leave and Support Act**



Now with AM 1699. Look for a CALL TO ACTION to contact your Senator in the near future should this come into play!

New amendment pending. Amendment will mandate paid FMLA for first 30 service days, not to be taken out of leave provided. Allows for a budget exception for substitute costs. Districts would still have to levy in order to cover the cost.



LB 550 **(Lippincott) Require school districts to adopt a policy that excuses students to attend a released time course for religious instruction**



Possibly attached onto the Education Package as it was in 2025

Requires policy that excuses student to attend courses at least one class period per week for a course in religious instruction.

Other Bills in Play for the Education Package

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- LB 960** (McKinney) **Provide a requirement to include nonvoting student members on school boards**
 *The inclusion of a student representative on the Board should remain a local decision rather than a state mandate. Districts face unique constraints and have developed diverse methods for student engagement, such as involving Student Council, FFA, or National Honor Society members in monthly meetings. These decisions are best left in the hands of local boards who understand their community's specific needs.*
- LB 1024** (Murman) **Require school districts and the State Board of Education to provide for instruction on the history of communism**
 *No matter the subject, from communism to cooking, to computer literacy, the decision of what students learn and how they learn it needs to be left to content experts, not the legislature.*
- LB 1146** (Conrad) Change provisions relating to reports by a school district relating to absences of a child from school
- LB 1164** (Lonowski) Adopt the Prior Learning Act
Brought by SAT. It would assure AP courses count for college credit.
- LB 1224** (Hunt) Prohibit children from transferring to an exempt school during certain child abuse or neglect investigations and prohibit persons convicted of certain crimes from monitoring or providing instruction at such schools
- LB 1241** (Murman) Provide requirements relating to applications for employment at a school
Prohibits hiring of employees if suspected of child abuse. May cause more effort on the part of the hiring entity. Does not require the employer to collect the information.
- LB 1243** (Murman) **Change school board policies and procedures relating to part-time enrollment**
 *Eliminates requirement that non-enrolled, resident students participate in a minimum number of credit hours to participate in extracurricular activities (not regulated by NSAA). This could require participation in "clubs".*

Other Items

- Agency 23** **A \$7 million dollar appropriation of Department of Labor to be used for scholarship grants to non-public students**
 **Look for a CALL TO ACTION to contact your Senator if this is a part of the reported budget!**



- LB 384** (Storer) Require the county assessor and one voting member of the governing bodies of participating political subdivisions to attend joint public hearings under the Property Tax Request Act
Approved by the Governor ... *Requires a majority of school board members to attend the "pink post card" meetings if the district is subject to participation. Amended to include just one elected official.*
- LB 575** (Hallstrom) **Change provisions relating to the Property Tax Request Act and property tax levy limits**
 **Changes to the pink postcard meetings to a summer briefing requiring all political subdivisions to attend and present. Could be a part of the Revenue Package (See LB 803)**
Requires two-third vote of school board to levy more than the amount levied the year before.
- LB 653** (Murman) Change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs, support services, and the enrollment option program, provide reimbursement for certain students under the enrollment option program, and change the authorized uses of the Education Future Fund
Currently on Final Reading ... *AM adopted to remove mandated option enrollment acceptance. Now mandates acceptance of siblings of option accepted students. Once adopted, NASB removed its opposition. Amended an exception for violent behavior to the K-2 suspension prohibition.*

Other Items

<https://members.nasbonline.org/events>

LB 765



(Holdcroft) Change provisions relating to school district bonds and bonds issued by a joint entity that includes a Nebraska school district or educational service unit
Look for a CALL TO ACTION to contact your Senator in the near future should this come into play!

Requires majority of registered voters for bond passage vs majority of ballots. Trying to make sure it does not get attached into a Committee Package.



LB 940

(Murman) Prohibit certain color additives in school meals
Currently on Final Reading

LB 1145



(Lonowski) Change provisions relating to notice requirements for a meeting of a public body under the Open Meetings Act

Reach out to Sen. Lonowski to thank him for introducing this!

*Introduced on behalf of NASB and other political subdivisions. We are working to amend this bill into **LB 596**, the Government Committee's Priority Bill.*



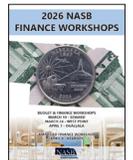
2026 NASB Calendar of Events



Legislative Issues Conference - January 25-26 - Lincoln
 School Board Member Week ... January 25 to 31
 NASB Board President Retreat - Monday, February 16 - Kearney



Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, March 10 - Seward
 Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, March 24 - West Point
 NAEP State Convention - March 24-25 - Kearney



Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, April 7 - Ogallala
 Amplified Budget & Finance Workshop - Wednesday, April 8 - Kearney
 2026 NASB Federal Advocacy Fly-In - April 26-29 - Washington, DC



NASB Member Golf Outing - Wednesday, June 10 - Kearney Country Club
 School Law Seminar - June 10-11 - Kearney



ALICAP Summer Workshops - July 7 - Gering; July 8 - Kearney - July 9 - Lincoln
 Summer Candidate Workshops (Dates TBD)



Area Membership Meetings - August through September
 Labor Relations - September 29-30 - Lincoln
 State Education Conference - November 18-20 - Omaha
 New Board Member Workshops - December & January 2027



All Dates & Locations Tentative & Subject to Change ... To register for an NASB event, click on the 'My Membership' link on www.NASBOnline.org, then navigate to the 'Events' dropdown and select 'Register'. If you do not have an email and password to log in or have forgotten it, please contact NASB at 402-423-4951 for assistance.