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Brief Description of the Client

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is a constitutional agency approved by Nebraska voters. The Department operates under the authority of an elected board of education. NDE is organized into offices that interact to operate the agency and carry out the duties assigned by state and federal statutes and the policy directions of the State Board of Education. The offices are organized around distinct functions and responsibilities that encompass leadership and support for Nebraska's system of early childhood, primary, secondary and postsecondary education; direct services to clients; and internal support to the agency.

Audience

This course is designed to be used by Nebraska Secondary educators and district leaders to assist in the integration of Newcomers and SLIFE students who are entering Nebraska school districts according to State Statute 79-201 and NDE Rules and Regulations for Rule 19.

Description of the Problem or Scenario

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) would like to provide support and resources to address concerns regarding Newcomer and SLIFE (Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education) students who are entering school districts throughout Nebraska. Currently, there are no or limited supports for school districts when integrating these students into Nebraska school districts. NDE was contacted by numerous districts requesting an online training solution to address transitioning Newcomer and SLIFE students entering the districts throughout Nebraska.

Requirements

The proposed solution is to create an online learning environment that will provide resources and strategies that district leaders and teachers can use when transitioning these students into their districts successfully. Lastly, there will be a scenario-based training solution integrated into the eLearning experience that will emphasize proper protocol when transitioning these students into their districts. This scenario-based training solution will utilize real-world situations so as to provide authentic experiences when integrating these students in Nebraska school districts.