

Bio
Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education

Dr. Blomstedt was named Commissioner of Education by the State Board of Education on January 2, 2014.

Dr. Blomstedt served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council until December 2013. He previously served as the first full-time Executive Director of the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association, a research analyst for the Education Committee of the Nebraska Legislature and has worked in a variety of policy research roles over the past 16 years. During this time, Dr. Blomstedt worked closely with policy makers, school district officials, and numerous educational stakeholders across Nebraska. In 2001, he was appointed to the Nebraska School Finance Review Committee as a school finance expert and served in a number of other educational advisory capacities in state government and higher education. He also has experience and interest in state and local tax policy as well as state and local economic development.

Dr. Blomstedt is a native Nebraskan whose career has focused on local, regional and statewide education issues. Blomstedt's experience includes education finance and organization, assessment and accountability, professional development, and the development of systems to enhance blended and distance learning opportunities across the state.

Dr. Blomstedt earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Higher Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as well as a Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning.