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Glitches Lead Officials to Scrap Results of Neb. Writing Tests

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska education officials are throwing out the results of statewide writing tests plagued by technological problems.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports the Nebraska Department of Education announce Tuesday it would not use the test scores. State officials haven't decided whether to send the results to the U.S. Department of Education as required by federal law.

Eighth and 11th-graders took an online version of the writing test in February and reported a slew of problems. State officials say at least 1,500 students from 87 districts lost work or were kicked offline. They couldn't track the total number of students affected.

The state contracts with Minnesota-based Data Recognition Corp. to administer the test. Education officials haven't determined if they will pay the \$177,000 owed for this year's tests.

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