



FATA Region 4 Meeting
1/27/16 9:00-3:00
Orange County

Districts in attendance: Volusia, Orange, Hernando, Brevard, St. Lucie, Seminole, Leon, Marion, Osceola, Citrus, Polk, Highlands, FLVS, Manatee, Lake

- Pre ID Upload (new accommodation field)
 - Districts using Skyward are having difficulty with this. They list accommodations in a local area that isn't being pulled down on the Pre ID.
 - Marion was told to go under each subject and check off accommodations for each subject.
 - St. Lucie told Skyward that if a student has an IEP or 504 then just check off accommodations. Their IT dept. does this to the file.
 - Lake decided to put No for everyone and then the schools go in and edit it if they have accommodations.
 - Osceola uses Focus and they put a yes or no for 4 different questions relating to accommodations and that populates the field.
 - We feel this should be pulled from Survey/ESE data that gets sent to the state.
- State IBTP Platform
 - Recent email sent from the state saying it was going away. State has been told to cut their budget by 10% so we feel this could be connected to that.
 - There is hope that the state will work with Performance Matters so they can house the items.
 - Districts are worried that they will release the items to everyone, originally it was a requirement to keep them secure.
 - Seminole pulled the items from the IBTP and put them on their own platform.
- Paula would like to survey the districts to see which platform they use. A lot of districts in the room use Performance Matters or will be going with them soon. It was stated that PM is a lot better than it used to be. Highlands County really likes the format for testing/scanning. They use gradecam.com to scan the bubble sheets. It will scan anything, paper, highlighter, etc. The scan sheets are a PDF and can be printed. The assessment is coded on the sheet. You can load the app to scan the sheets on your phone, document cam, etc. There is a way to laminate the sheet and reuse it, which will save on copies. Daryl from Highlands can speak to anyone interested in learning more. We are still looking for platforms that have the different item types like FSA. Hernando said they used PM for this for two years but they didn't have much success, they now use Agile Minds which is through Pearson.
- Teacher Evaluation w/Non-Vam
 - K-2/ K-2 Self-Contained ACCESS classes
 - Lake uses IEP goals
 - Highlands uses I-Ready's growth piece and student learning objectives
 - Seminole uses IOWA at the beginning and end of the year to use as a growth model, even with the students taking ACCESS classes
 - Higher Level and Electives Non-VAM
 - Citrus uses teacher created exams for electives and district created for core curriculum.

- Highlands has an issue with the rigor of teacher created exams. They use ELA, however teachers aren't happy with that. For 11th and 12th graders they use district made EOCs. A few other districts use SAT, ACT, PERT, however teachers don't like that.
 - Highlands plans to use EDIS.IO, you send them the data sources (surveys, roster verification, etc.) and they do the calculations. You use ShareFile to send them the data. Okeechobee uses them now and pays about \$12,500.00 for the year. Teachers can log in and see their VAM.
 - Seminole uses quarterly common assessments for middle and trimester common assessments for elementary.
- Grade 3 Alternate Assessments/Accommodations
 - I Station (free for a year through a grant) and Star have now been approved to use
 - Seminole uses I Ready, I Station and IOWA that they will accept. They give IOWA at the end of May, they have to decide how they want to handle it going forward with the other assessments—wait time (30 days between administrations of the same test), etc.
 - Volusia uses SAT 10. It is given 3 times, once in May, once in July at the end of reading camp and once in August before school starts, however students may participate in only one of the three administrations.
 - St. Lucie uses I Ready and SAT 10
 - There is concern that by offering all of these different tests it is going to make it complicated.
- Opt Out
 - Brevard's policy is that if the parent gives a formal letter they will pull the student to a "holding place". If the student "opts out" of writing they do not require them to sit for reading, they just go to the "holding place".
 - Osceola requires they sit for reading because it can help with percent tested.
 - St. Lucie requires them to sit, if a parent comes to check them out they let them go home for the day.
 - NR2s get counted for participation but NTs do not. They must answer one question to count as "minimally participating" and get an NR2.
 - Citrus does not give a letter to parents, they feel that makes it look like they have a policy.
- State Graduation Testing Requirements document
 - Adults must now meet the grad requirements for the current graduating class
- WIDA Screener
 - Not sure of the cut scores yet
 - No screener for K—must still use W-APT for K, paper test
 - Which districts are/plan to use it—put on a survey
 - It is "free" and an online assessment, however there are some copying costs
 - You would need to set up accounts for those administering it to students in WIDA AMS
- ACCESS for ELLs
 - Some districts chose to do face to face again this year
- Non-College Reportable ACT/Concordant Score Use
 - It for ESE, ESOL and 504 students only
 - Administered on a school day and no waivers can be applied
 - Scores can be used for concordant
 - Even though administration is in February, scores won't be in until June

- Scores cannot be on transcripts/there may be a code districts can use to show it is Non-College Reportable
- PSAT/SAT/College Board
 - Lake has a College Board partnership and they give all students PSAT/SAT. They had a lot of students meet the concordant score on the new SAT.
 - Seminole pays for their students to take it and get an 80% passing rate on it.
 - College Board has changed their ESE accommodations policy and now if they have accommodations on their IEP they can use the accommodations on SAT.
 - School Level Users/Reporting Portal
 - Students who take SAT/PSAT can link their account to a Kahn Academy account to get tutorials, practice tests, etc.
 - Sara from Seminole has gone to her high schools to assist with linking students to Khan Academy
 - Osceola's curriculum dept. gives professional development on this, they have a manager role for one person at each high school who can manage it and add users, etc.
 - Orange and Brevard had problems with being charged for students who were in 10th grade taking PSAT. Even though the Pre ID label showed they were 10th grade, if the student bubbles grade 11 they will charge you. They said it is a total fight to try and get it corrected. There seems to be a lot of billing problems.
- Fall FSA Retake Scores
 - Next year they will administer in September so we get scores back by December, districts are not happy about this because it cuts the time for remediation.
 - Osceola suggests to administer writing in Sept. but reading in Oct.
- Score Inquiry Window
 - Score Inquiry window should remain open so if something is found late it can still be available
 - State repository for FSA scores is greatly needed
- FSA Writing/Transfer Students/Paper Tests
 - Districts are worried that the new way of managing paper accommodated tests is going to cause problems. If state only has 1% paper then that is going to cause problems. We are being expected to transfer materials between schools and that is going to be too cumbersome for districts to manage.
- APS and Algebra 1
 - You are eligible for APS based on when you took the test.
- EOC 30% Rule
 - Lake is going to go back and look at their process for calculating the 30%.
 - There were many different ways of doing it from the discussion in the room. There is no one way to do it, it is a district decision.
- Algebra 1 from Other States
 - Volusia had a school question an Alg. EOC score from NJ. The chart shows we do not accept an EOC from NJ, however the score report looked like it would be something we would accept. Charlene called Helen Lancashire and she said not to use the chart given out previously, to see if the test they use is for federal reporting/accountability. It still requires a lot of work on the district/school level. Most districts in the room are still using the chart and weren't aware of what Helen said. Paula from Lake is doing a lot of footwork to try and get us an accurate chart/way to figure if we accept it or not.

- School Investigations
 - Orange wonders how other districts hand this. In Lake HR does the investigation, Orange has HR do it but they get kickback from that department.
- Ideas for Test Carrels
 - Dollar Tree 20X30 foam boards that can be cut
 - Really Good Stuff will send samples
 - Osceola gives schools guidelines for them
- Certificate of Completion Students
 - Lake asked if anyone has any tutoring/help for people who have graduated with a certificate of completion and want to take the test again.
- Principal Checklist for Testing—does anyone have something like this?
 - St. Lucie was asked by their superintendent to make a principal checklist for assessment. They want principals to be the “leader” and help with coordination and support their testing coordinators.
 - Lake requires schools to have a team and they get a checklist to fill out that they have to turn in to her. It forces them to “think” about testing and their procedures for certain things with regards to testing.
- FSA Writing
 - Most districts are sticking with the 120 minutes for all of their schools
 - DOE has asked that for paper testers, we show them the amount of space they have to write in
- FLVS FT
 - New ShareFile site for district testing coordinators. A few districts are having difficulty getting in but they are working with those districts to make sure they have access.
 - They plan to upload tickets/labels to the site so schools can access them easily.
 - At this point districts cannot edit/upload on the ShareFile site, they are working on getting districts access to be able to do this.
 - Hospital/Homebound FLVS FT students—they purchased Chromebooks so they can test them. If it is a paper test they will come get the test from the district.
 - Open enrollment just happened and they are in the process of updating their lists.
- FATA
 - Paula wants to do a FATA newsletter a few times per year. She wants districts to send her any news/information about things going on in their district to include in the newsletter. For example, in February Lake is doing a community forum on testing.
 - We plan to hold our annual meeting the day before the state meeting. Paula is working with Susie Lee to get a room for us. Cyndy from Orange has secured a sponsor with Curriculum Associates. If anyone else can get sponsors let Paula know. Paula is still looking for members to be the chair and/or be on the committee. We would like to hold the meeting about noon so people have time to travel. We would like to have a speaker if anyone knows of someone to invite. We would also like to have a reception that night.
 - If any district is invited to the state assessment debrief, please be sure to report out what is discussed to Paula.
 - Victoria Ash’s retirement—we would like to do something for her. Cyndy would like to do an engraved vase from FATA or something like that.
 - Sharing of ideas, please send Paula things to post if you make them, like Melanie from St. Lucie did with the practice test information.

Polk revamped their FSA training for testing coordinators, it is a combination of face to face with moving through stations, an online binder, Moodle and a quiz. Livebinder.com is where their binder is housed: <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=2070919>.

- Osceola is restructuring their training too. The morning session is for frequently asked questions/things that came up a lot last year and then the afternoon will be the training piece.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:00