



FATA Region 4 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:00-3:00 Brevard County

2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera 32940

- ACCESS for ELLs
 - Materials were not sufficient at schools or the district. It doesn't seem that they padded the order for students coming from Puerto Rico.
 - Brevard has schools pick up small additional orders at the district.
 - Orange county makes a district schedule for administration for reading, writing and listening (group administered) so that it forces schools to look at their materials early and they place additional orders.
 - Brevard—ESOL teachers/contact administer and then the district has 3 itinerant teachers that help with the largest population schools.
 - Orange has Title I people help. Their guidance counselors have gotten permission to be excused from all state testing. For the last 3 years the board has paid Kelly services to send people to proctor.
 - St. Lucie—The district lets the schools decide who they use for testing, they don't mandate who is used.
 - Polk—there is one school that has 400 ESOL students so they do send district people to help at that school.
 - In most districts the district ESOL department handles training the test administrators.
 - The contract for ACCESS for ELLs is up this year, DOE is supposed to work on improving the next contract.
 - Perhaps FATA can do a survey to get suggestions to present to the state for the new contract.
- NCR ACT vs SAT
 - About half the room is using SAT and half using ACT.
 - We aren't happy that the word was put out to counselors and not district testing coordinators.
 - Brevard is using SAT, she is not happy that they offered NCR so late. CB is not helpful, reads directly from the manual.
 - SAT does not acknowledge the district testing coordinators, they only deal with the school contact. It has been difficult to get a consistent answer different answers are given to the same question.
 - SAT only allows 50% more time for each subject and students must take the whole test.

- ACT allows up to 5 hours for the whole test and the students don't have to stay the whole time, they can leave when they are done.
- Polk gave ACT NCR last year and it was only for students who had IEPs and 504s and didn't get their accommodations approved. Now this year they are letting any student have the extended time accommodation.
- Most districts present are paying for their students to take it. Osceola is going by cohort.
- Polk county made a district Test ID for ACT NCR.
- When results come in we will ask to share passing rates.
- Progress Monitoring (District)
 - Many districts are using Performance Matters to monitor their data.
 - Orange's Test Development Team made quarterly assessments that mirror FSA, they are voluntary but highly recommended. The team is presenting at CCSSO in San Diego at the end of June this year. They use Performance Matters in Orange.
 - Lake is considering bringing in teachers in to vet test forms (quarterlies).
- June 18-30 will be the score release window this year. Highlands county spoke to Jenny and got this information, she said it was due to leaving the testing window open through May 18th.
- Above Grade Testing
 - State has always said you should test for the grade/subject you are being instructed in. Some districts don't want this to happen because they lose learning gains. The state isn't giving a concrete answer, they said districts can make the decision.
 - If students are repeating 9th grade but taking English 2 then they take Grade 10 ELA and they pass, you can do data corrections the next year because they passed the test the previous year. This is a manual process.
- PSAT/NMSQT Billing (home school/private school payment)
 - College Board wouldn't accept payment from anyone but the schools. It was suggested that the home school and private school students pay the school and they can pay it that way.
- AP Testing
 - Students are taking AP courses schools aren't offering with FLVS and then the schools are required to administer those exams. Osceola tries to find a school in the district that is offering that course/exam, but it isn't always possible.
 - Osceola has a school that is 100% free/reduced (CEP) so they apply for waivers for all students.
- TestHound (Education Advanced) from Texas
 - In Louisiana, Alabama, Nevada and Texas, working with Sumter county in Florida.
 - Presenting at FASA and will be at FOIL.

- Looks at different elements of testing and sees what is needed for testing to run smoothly. Integrates with Skyward. Works on data, student management for Pre-ID uploads, accommodations (PIER), they work on scheduling, rosters, etc. at the school level, it shouldn't take more than 15 minutes to manage testing at the school level is their philosophy. Their software tracks materials, does scheduling, etc. They have vendors give packing lists directly to them to load into their system. If they don't work with a vendor, then the district/school can upload their packing lists into their site.
- Concordant Score Proposal
 - March 20th Rule Development Workshop.
 - Is supposed to be in place for next school year.
- ACT/SAT Concordant Study for Graduation Requirement
 - It seems the right questions weren't asked in the study.
 - Findings will be presented to the state board in March.
- PERT
 - Vanguard is a secure browser that McCann offers to districts. You have to contact them to request it.
- Paper Testing Grades 3-6
 - We still haven't heard anything regarding the listening portion and how that is going to be handled.
 - There are still concerns about the reader accommodation. It takes more manpower to administer and opens up more room for error.
 - Concerns about students not able to use the tools they are used to accessing in the online platform—highlighting, background colors, large print, etc.
 - HB 7055 is proposing paper testing to include grades 7 and 8.
- Annual FATA Meeting
 - Neyda is the head of the committee this year, however we need to recruit more people for the committee.
 - We need to look at reaching out to the vendors who supported us last year to see if they are willing to sponsor again this year.
 - Ask state assessment and accountability people to be at our meeting, at least for part of it.
 - We are considering making it a full day this year. We would like to have speakers again.
 - Survey FATA to see if they want full day/half day, topics of interest, etc. and see if there is interest to add accountability.
- Accountability/School Grades
 - Discussion was had about giving 1st time Alg. 1 test takers the EOC in winter as a diagnostic and then again in spring and that would help the low students. This

could bite you though if the student doesn't test again in the spring and you have to use the low score.

- FLE ID
 - Some districts call the FSA Helpdesk and they work with the district and give them the name the student is entered under in the system, so the district can fix it, however some districts were told by the Helpdesk that they couldn't help them, and they had to contact DOE.
 - If the helpdesk can't help the district, then they refer them to work with DOE at FLDOEproject@fldoe.org, however districts who have done that say they aren't able to help them.
 - Private school students and adult students without a FLE ID are causing issues for districts. Some districts don't allow the students to test and some districts enroll them in school N999 to get the FLE ID.
 - Students who were scheduled to graduate in 2002 or earlier have to enroll in adult education to get their diploma now, and they must meet the graduation requirements for when they enter the adult high school.
- FSA EOCs and 30% Calculation
 - Civics and US History will be included this year.
 - Datafolio is still being considered for 30% but it is not in place yet.
 - FSA will be included in accountability this year.
- Alg. 1 EOC/PERT
 - If a student has earned the Alg. 1 credit from out of state, private or home ed then they can take PERT and if they pass they meet the graduation requirement and they don't have to take the Alg. 1 EOC.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10.