



FATA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 13, 2019

8:15-9:45

Lake Mary Marriott - Salon F, G, H

- Meeting called to order at 8:20
- Board Business:
 - Nedyia Francis, Charlene Sozio, Heather Himes, Barrington Maxwell and Amy Crowell were in attendance from the board.
 - No Treasurer's Report was available
- ACT Presentation—Ginger Green/ginger.green@act.org
 - Section Retesting
 - In order to take a section retest a student must have taken the full battery test.
 - Section retests will be administered on the computer only.
 - A student can retake up to 4 sections.
 - Will be offered for school day testing in 2021.
 - Superscoring
 - UCF is the only university not allowing superscoring.
 - In Sept. 2020 ACT will provide superscoring to colleges.
 - English, Math, Reading and Science will have superscoring.
 - Faster Test Results
 - CBT testing will be available in Sept. 2020 for Saturday administrations.
 - Not all sites will offer CBT testing, students will have to sign up to test at a site that offers CBT if they want to test with that mode.
 - Fee Waivers
 - In Sept. 2020 ACT will offer 4 fee waivers instead of 2. It can be used for a single section or a full battery test.
 - Current juniors can use their 2 available waivers this year and they will get 2 more for their senior year under the new policy.
 - Flyers with this updated information are available at act.org/newfirsts, act.org/morechoices
- Topics for Discussion:
 - Osceola
 - FSAA—management of secure student/teacher information—representative from Osceola was not here to bring up discussion.
 - Brevard
 - Teacher cell phone use during testing
 - Rave app allows teachers to report an emergency situation, however they are concerned about teachers having their phones during testing, their policy does not allow teachers to have the phones on their person.

- Suggestions were made to make policies for teachers regarding cell phones and use during testing. If a teacher misuses their phone, then action should be taken to reprimand them.
 - Marion
 - Assessing FLVS and Home Ed Students—Best Practices
 - Brevard: they work with FLVS/Home Ed parents on where the student tests because a lot of times they leave their zoned school because there was a problem. She also has FLVS contact her instead of the schools for testing dates/times.
 - Duval: they offer centralized Home Ed and FLVS testing at a few charter schools. They hire test administrators to administer. They do offer a window with some flexibility for the families, which is helpful.
 - Sarasota, Highlands, Escambia and Bay also do it this way. They offer 4-20 central locations, depending on the size of the district.
 - Oral Presentation Best Practices
 - DOE/ESE presented at the state assessment meeting that it isn't appropriate for students to have to raise their hand to get help nor is it ok for someone to read out loud to the whole group and keep them all at the same pace.
 - Orange county said they follow what happens daily in the classroom.
 - Polk brought up the point that with Text to Speech, the student has to click to utilize that accommodation, which is the same as having them raise their hand if they need assistance.
 - Orange lets their ESE students test on different days than the rest of the district so they can provide accommodations to smaller groups of students.
 - Brevard has schools begin looking at accommodations now and has the testing coordinator (APs at elementary) start going to classrooms and asking teachers how they provide oral presentation, so they know how the accommodation is provided on a daily basis.
 - There is concern with the new standardization policies regarding not being able to encourage students verbally during testing.
 - If this only applies to ESE now, should students with this accommodation not test in the gen ed classroom?
 - Brevard had an issue that came up where some students thought the test administrator was giving students answers because they went over to the student and tapped, pointed, etc. It was unfounded because there was a proctor in the room who backed the teacher up.

- Orange
 - Does anyone have a plan for how to support schools with the new standardization policies?
 - Brevard provides round tables for training testing coordinators. They will have one in January with a mix of seasoned and new testing coordinators to discuss these new policies.
 - It was suggested that there be some type of standardization document to provide the schools.
- Volusia
 - Do districts allow retired teachers to administer state testing in the spring?
 - Orange only allow OCPS employees to administer. They provide security training.
 - Brevard does not allow non-certified personnel to administer.
- It was asked if we could have a meeting prior to spring FOIL so we can discuss what districts plan to do with the new Standardization Policies and also to have districts present on centralized testing for FLVS and Home Ed students. It was suggested to hold Regional Meetings to discuss or offer two meetings statewide that districts could choose to go to. The FATA board will discuss the best way of holding these meetings and report out to the team.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:25