

High School Assessment Update

September 23, 2008

HSA Updates

- Snap shots
- Will never be current
- Schools have up-to-date information
 - They are providing interventions
- Based on changing denominator (student population)

Meeting HSA Requirements

- No longer dependent on passing tests
 - Combined score
 - Substitute tests
 - Course credit from out of state
 - Bridge
- Status data must come from school systems

"Anatomy" of October Update

- June 5 - May test window ended
- July 16 – May administration scores sent to school systems
- July 16-August 12- School systems prepare file of each students' status
- September 30 - Files edited, cleaned and complete

October Update

- **Based on students enrolled as of June 2008 who:**
 - were promoted to Grade 12
 - were expected to enter Grade 12 in September 2008
 - must pass the HSAs to graduate

October Update

Will Include:

- HSA & Mod-HSA scores through May '08
- AP/IB Substitute Tests
- Credit for courses taken outside of MD public schools

Will Not Include:

- Bridge results
- Summer administration results
- 07-08 Drop outs
- 07-08 Non-promotes

September Update

- **Based on students enrolled as of September 30, 2007 who:**
 - **were enrolled in Grade 11 in 2007-08**

Challenges with Percentages

$$\text{Percentage} = \frac{\text{Numerator (students meeting requirements)}}{\text{Denominator (students in Class of 2009)}}$$

*Both numerator and denominator
change daily.*

September Update

Does Include:

- HSA scores through May '08
- '07-08 Drop outs
- '07-08 Non-promotes
- '07-08 Withdrawals

Result: Inflated denominator

Does Not Include:

- Mod-HSA results from May '08
- Summer administration results
- AP/IB Substitute Tests
- Credit for courses taken outside of MD public schools
- Bridge results

Result: Under-estimation of success

Results as of June 2008

- 88 percent of students who have taken all 4 courses/tests have met the requirements.
- Of those not yet meeting requirements, the majority have one or more courses/tests yet to take.
- LEP and Special Education students (those likely to take more than 4 years to graduate) are the groups still working on the requirement. They are also experiencing success with Bridge projects.

Outlook for 2009

- Given our current results, all of the options and flexibility, there is no reason any student should be denied a diploma based solely on HSA requirements.
- As always, there will be students who do not graduate because they have insufficient credits and have not met other state and local requirements.

Future Updates

January: (based on September 30, 2008 enrollment)

- **Initial Bridge results**
- **Summer and October administration**

April:

- **January administration**



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Discussion