



**Iowa Assessment Task Force
Orientation Meeting**

October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Grimes State Office Building, Room B100

Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. *Informal coffee and conversation*
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and expectations of the Task Force
- 10:10 a.m. Who: Introductions (one minute each)
- 1) Name
 - 2) What stakeholder group you belong to
 - 3) Something about yourself (choose one):
 - a) What are your hopes for Iowa's children that can be served by the Assessment Task Force's work?
 - b) What made you agree to join the Assessment Task Force?
 - c) What questions do you have about the Assessment Task Force, our charge, or the way we will work?
 - d) What expectations do you have for the Assessment Task Force or for the way we will work together?
 - e) In what ways has student assessment impacted you?
- 10:30 a.m. What will we be doing?
- 1) Assessment Task Force charge and required outcomes
 - 2) Objectives for this orientation
- 10:40 a.m. Why engage in large scale accountability assessment?
- We will take a break at approximately 11:15 am; we may choose to continue visioning after lunch*
- 1) How did we get to where we are today? Background context
 - 2) Visioning: Where does a state-wide/large scale high stakes accountability assessment fit into what we want for our children? What are the results of statewide assessments used for?
 - 3) Terminology

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12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. When/Where

- 1) Meeting schedule for the coming year
- 2) Schedule of milestones and deliverables

1:15 p.m. How will we do our work?

- 1) What assessments will we review?
- 2) What goes into a recommendation?
 - a) What do you want to know about the assessments?
 - b) What categories of criteria will we use?
 - c) What sources of evidence will we look at?
 - d) How we will evaluate criteria?

2:15 p.m. How will we work together?

- 1) Member roles and expectations (Roles of facilitator, chair, Department staff; preparation between meetings)
- 2) Task Force to make a single recommendation (work toward consensus but simple majority rules)
- 3) Ground rules
- 4) Role of/room for public comment during future Task Force meetings
- 5) Resources, and how to access them
- 6) Communicating with each other, the chair, the facilitator, the public

2:40 p.m. Next steps

- 1) Topics for November and beyond
- 2) Items to read between now and November

2:50 p.m. Other Business

2:55 p.m. Meeting evaluation

3:00 p.m. Adjourn