



Iowa Assessment Task Force

February 20, 2014, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Meeting Notes

REVISED LOCATION DUE TO BLIZZARD CONDITIONS: Via Adobe Connect

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Meeting Agenda Items

Agenda Item: Welcome and schedule for the day

The Task Force met via technology due to blizzard conditions. Time was spent orienting participants to the meeting format.

Agenda Item: Timing for the review of science assessments

After discussion, the Task Force decided that “In the Task Force report, one item will be that the Task Force should be reconvened as soon as the new science standards are approved and new assessments are available for review (and in the meantime, Iowa should continue with the current assessment).”

Agenda Item: Review prepared definitions of and rubrics for the criteria

After much discussion, the Task Force decided several things about the draft rubric:

- A subgroup should work on the fairness rubric to (1) better define “reasonable process” in row two; (2) add a new item on accessibility; and (3) ensure accommodations are addressed in practice items (last row).
- The rubric should be revised to state “availability for administration in the last quarter of the year,” with agreement that the language should be clarified as needed.
- In the ___ item, “eliminate ‘clearly,’ change ‘domain’ to claim,’ change ‘teacher level’ to ‘section and classroom level,’ change ‘out of level option’ to something like ‘flexibility to measure skills above and below the targeted grade level’ or ‘ability to precisely place a student on a continuous achievement level.’”
- In the reliability section, change #3 to say “multiple studies using different populations and including all applicable reliability statistics.”

Agenda Item: Are there additional criteria to consider?

No additional criteria were proposed.

Agenda Item: Schedule for March-May, 2014

The Task Force will meet face-to-face on March 14, but expects to have additional work to complete on the rubric. The Task Force decided to add a meeting to the calendar on March 28 in case there is work yet to complete after the March 14 meeting and to meet via Adobe Connect Pro technology because traveling to two meetings in March was not on members' schedules or in their budgets.

Agenda Item: Announcements and other business

No other business was discussed

Agenda Item: Set agenda items for upcoming meetings

Finalizing the rubric is the Task Force's current priority.

Agenda Item: Meeting evaluation

An evaluation form was set up using Survey Monkey and a link was sent to Task Force members.