



Iowa Assessment Task Force

Meeting Notes

Held via Adobe Connect Pro

March 28, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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The Task Force met via technology to complete the work started at the regularly scheduled face-to-face Task Force meeting on March 14.

Agenda Item: Review and finalize rubric

The Task Force continued discussing the draft rubric and voted on each item using the “Fist to Five” Voting Scale:

- 1=“I do not support the criterion rubric, but may support it with changes”
- 2=“I need to raise concerns before feeling comfortable in supporting the rubric”
- 3=“I would support inclusion of this rubric”
- 4=“I enthusiastically support the rubric”
- 5=“I love it and will be a champion”

Fairness rubric item: Passed with 9 votes at level 3 and 7 votes at level 4

Availability rubric item: Passed with 10 votes at level 3 and 6 votes at level 4

Describes Achievement rubric item t: Remove "applicable" from "as well as applicable DOK." Passed as amended with 12 votes at level 3 and 4 votes at level 4. The subgroup was requested to review the language to ensure the "Forms are equated" phrase works for computer adaptive tests.

Validity rubric item: Tabled—Sent back to small-group to consider the challenge that validity coefficients may bias against assessments under development. Small-group to come back in April with a proposal for how to consider validity in these cases.

Reliability rubric item: Passed with 11 votes at level 3, 4 votes at level 4, and 1 vote at level 5

Piloted/Tested in Iowa rubric item: Add “in Iowa” to “Tested” so the rubric item description reads “Tested in Iowa (field tested).” With this amendment, passed with 16 votes at level 3 and 4 votes at level 1.

Alignment rubric item: Passed with 13 votes at level 3 and 3 votes at level 4

College/Career rubric item: Passed with 6 votes at level 3, 7 votes at level 4, and 1 vote at level 5

Cost per pupil rubric item: With 15 votes at level 3, the Task Force decided to strike Cost per pupil from the rubric, but to collect information in the first round. A subgroup will meet to recommend to the Task Force by the April meeting how to collect the information, and what information to collect. The subgroup is encouraged to address costs for accommodations.

Technical Issues rubric item: With a vote of 2 people at level 1 and 15 people at level 3, this criterion was tabled, with directions to determine the industry standard for reporting and adjust the rubric,

Other rubric items: The second subgroup will meet prior to the April meeting and report back.

Additional changes to the rubric:

The rubric will have a preamble that addresses the next steps (after initial screening) such as examining quality of the evidence presented. The preamble will be available for Task Force review and approval in the April meeting.

The rubric will be updated to use "Iowa Core" throughout (instead of "Iowa Common Core," etc.)

As appropriate, original items in bullets should be added back to the rubrics.

Agenda Item: Weighting of criteria

Members of the Task Force discussed and tested out the process for weighting criteria. Formal weighting will occur at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Plan and schedule for upcoming meetings

The Task Force agreed to meet April 15.

Agenda will include:

Hear from small-groups

Finalize additional items to include in the requests for information from vendors

Finalize weighting of criteria

Determine whether May meetings are open or closed

Determine whether Task Force members should sign NDAs

Discuss processes for the May meetings

The Task Force will meet May 22-23 to review assessments

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.