

Adult Education Bi-Monthly Conference Call (February 27th)

Question & Answers

- Q. Will the Life and Work Series Test be used for ELCATE beginning in 2012-2013?**
- A. Currently you have the option of testing students with the Life and Work (L&W) series or Employability Competency Series (ECS). Beginning in 2012-2013, students should only be tested with L&W test. This change will be noted in the 2012-2013 Adult Education Curriculum Standards which includes the ELCATE Curriculum Standards.
- Q. Are students that already have Algebra 1 on their transcript when they enroll in adult education required to take the Algebra 1 end-of-course (EOC) assessment?**
- A. Students that have already earned the Algebra 1 credit prior to 2010-2011 are not required to take the Algebra 1 EOC.
- Q. Is the Algebra 1 EOC required as 30% of the student's grade, when he/she is taking Algebra 1 in adult education?**
- A. The 30% of the final course grade only applies to the 9th grade cohort of students that take the EOC in the first administration of that course. This applies to students entering the 9th grade in 2010-2011.
- Q. Do students have to pass the Algebra 1 EOC to earn course credit?**
- A. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2011-2012 school year and thereafter, a student who is enrolled in Algebra 1 or equivalent must earn a passing score on the EOC assessment in order to earn course credit (s. 1008.22(2.a)(I), *F.S.*). Algebra 1 and passing the EOC is a graduation requirement for all students enrolled in Adult High School.
- Q. At the fall meeting it was announced that there would be a new policy for determining adult high school graduation requirements. Has this been finalized?**
- A. There are a couple of models for determining adult high school graduation that are being discussed. Once a final decision is made, there will be a State Board Rule amendment to that effect. We will notify the field of the amendment.
- Q: I had the question about reporting for GED at the jail. We received the corrections grant this year and just started classes. Being a new program it is starting slowly. Our MIS person who submits our NRS data told me that these students should not be entered into our computer system and are not allowed to be reported to NRS. Can you please clarify?**

A: Districts that receive corrections grants should report data for students in these programs to the Workforce Development Information System (WDIS), and they will be included in NRS reporting calculations. At issue, however, is whether the facility is operated by the county, state, or federal government. Students who are federal or state inmates are not eligible for state funding and their courses should be reported with a code of "F" or "S" respectively in the *Enrollment, Not State Funded* data element in the WDIS Adult General Education Student Course format. Students who are county jail inmates whose program is being funded by a district with state funds should be reported in WDIS and should be coded with a "Z" (state fundable) on this data element.

Q: Just recently during a FATDEC meeting, we had a round table discussion and we spoke about GED in the corrections setting. I was told that we are not required to collect tuition for the inmates, but I have not heard that anywhere else.

A: Tuition does not have to be collected from federal or state inmates not eligible for state funding. Students who are county jail inmates whose program is funded with state funds must be charged tuition.

Q: I listened to a Webinar yesterday put on by Wonderlic, "Preparing for NRS July 1, 2012 Changes" and the presenter discussed additional follow-up measures regarding employment. Will these be followed up at the State level?

A: Yes. The new follow-up outcomes measures will be calculated by the Florida Department of Education in the 2012-13 NRS report.