



This Week in MIS & Technology



This week we began final prep on testing for a few items. We've just installed a couple of new Brother "AirPrint" printers to test printing in the network environment. I'm starting an evaluation of the Mac mini as a potential replacement for the iMac systems in our schools. I'm also learning that I'm still not a fan of Windows 8. I wish we would have avoided putting this out to our schools, but this summer's refresh will be Windows 8 systems. Look for training in the immediate future to assist employees with the very basics of the new Windows operating system. We're also finishing up our summer cleaning which will create a list of tech items (mostly printer ink) that will be available to schools on a first come, first serve basis.

Eric Mitchell

Data Analysis

We are working on finishing the teacher's percentage of student learning gains. We have finished FCAT Reading 2014, FCAT Math 2014, Geometry EOCs 2012-2014, and Algebra EOCs 2012-2014. All completed files have been uploaded into Dashboard.

Seat Management

This week in Seat Management, we continued to prepare for the start of school. Currently, we are finishing up labs that could not be refreshed until after summer school was completed. Those locations have been contacted, and we are working around their schedules to have these labs set up and ready for the start of school. Seat Management and Instructional Technology are working with three schools to prepare for a Chromebook pilot for the 2014-15 school year. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

MIS

Students have now been enrolled in SY 2015. If you need assistance cleaning up your enrollments, please call.

We are preparing data for Survey 5 which is due August 1. High schools need to have the information for AP, IB and AICE Supplemental FTE Information entered.

WDIS Survey S has been reported to DOE. We are in the process of making corrections and preparing that data for resubmission.

Survey 1 has been captured. We are in the process of making corrections and preparing that data for submission.

Mobile Learning

Mobile Learning continues to work on simplifying our mobile device deployment models. Currently, a lot of our work is time intensive and tedious. We are creating a way to automate most of the error prone work while still allowing us the flexibility to customize the devices for each location. The new supervisory profiles that are being deployed to the iPads have proven a significant time saver, and the additional security provided prevents the devices from being used by unauthorized users. If you need assistance with your iPad, go to <http://www.okaloosaschools.com/district/instructional-technology-mobile-learning>, and click the "Online iPad Help Request" button.

Data Processing

As the new program director, it has been a warm return to Carver-Hill. I am thankful to have such a talented and committed cadre of people to work with in accomplishing our goals. As we move towards the opening of school (and say a tearful goodbye to summer), please know that our continued goal is to provide timely and targeted data to meet the needs of our schools and educational community. We are glad to be of service and look forward to a productive year. If our department can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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