



This Week in MIS & Technology



Getting ready for the start of school, there is always a lot of work to have technology ready on day one. The few weeks before school starts are our busiest time, and that can last through the first week of September. What is busy? In the past, it's been an average of 300 calls per day. This year we're taking steps toward making that process more streamlined and less painful for everyone. We hope that every year the processes for the start of school are better than the year before so that technology is one less worry to get the year started off right. Eric Mitchell

Data Analysis

The 2012-2014 Biology EOC teacher data has been completed and uploaded into Dashboard. This week the EOCs for Civics and US History should be completed. The first week in August, FCAT Science and FCAT Writes teacher data should be completed.

Seat Management

The summer refresh is wrapping up fairly well with about 95% complete. The summer interns L3 hired worked out well to meet the summer surge period. The Web Team is working on various school and department pages. Work orders for new hires and teachers that are moving to another site have begun to come in. We are working to make sure these moves are done before the start of school. August 11 will be here before we know it, so hang on to your seat (pun intended)!

MIS

This week we have been busy helping schools cleanup their enrollment records and prepare for master scheduling. We have also been adopting new courses approved by the district. If you need assistance cleaning up your enrollments or with master scheduling, please call.

Survey 1 has been reported. Data corrections are being made for resubmission.

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. We are in the process of cleaning up regular school year and summer school year promotion/retention codes as well as marking the final records of each as the "end of year".

We continue to work on the MIS repository forms by revising old forms and creating news ones. We are busy with retention and destruction as well.

Mobile Learning

This week we have received several requests for new assistant principal iPads to be issued. If you have not received your iPad, please have your principal make the initial issue request by clicking "Online iPad Help Request" at <http://www.okaloosaschools.com/district/instructional-technology-mobile-learning>.

We have significantly improved the deployment workflows for new iPads. Previously it took about 15 minutes per device to get them completely setup and ready for a user, and now we can do it in less than 2 minutes. Most of that time is waiting on the Apple servers and our network to keep pace. The new deployment strategy also greatly reduces errors by automating most of the account creation and setup process.

Data Processing

Last week, we submitted our initial files for Survey 1 to DOE in order to process summer FTE for July. We also rolled from school year 2014 to 2015! This week we are posting secondary school master schedules and troubleshooting any issues that may arise, but the process is one which has begun very smoothly. Additionally, we'll be providing schools assistance with beginning the school year by providing upload files for various software applications and programs and are preparing for the printing and delivery of FIC cards. As we look forward to the frenetic weeks to come, please know that we are here to help your school community prepare for the arrival of our fresh-faced students. Onward and upward!