



This Week in MIS & Technology



I want to take my space this month to welcome Brandon McSween to the IT family. Brandon is now the specialist for Instructional Technology. He will focus on technology integration in the classrooms, Edgenuity, Digital Educators, and other responsibilities as required. His experience with both technology and site based administration make him a great fit for our shop, and we are excited to see what he brings to the position.

Eric Mitchell

Data Analysis

We are working on Student Learning Objects (SLO) for the 2014 teacher evaluation performance scores. We are working on the 2012-2014 IB and AICE analysis.

Seat Management

Seat Management conducted new teacher orientation training with the office of Professional Development. This training is normally done once a month as new staff is hired within the district. These training sessions are about an hour in length. It's always fun to get conduct training with our new staff members. In other news, we are still deploying machines to teachers. If you are without a computer and were hired within the last two weeks, please notify your administrator. They will follow-up for you. Seat Management and Instructional Technology will be conducting BYOD training in the near future. Please watch your email for dates and times.

MIS

Class Size Trials are underway. The first of these was completed last week and another will take place next week. Please be aware that scheduling adjustments may be needed due to class size requirements. You may see a warning in PAWS about your class size, but please do not make changes in the AS400. Please be aware that we are still assisting elementary schools with their scheduling needs. If you need assistance with or have questions about your schedules, please call.

The first trial for Survey 2 is next week. Remember that Date Certain for Survey 2 is Friday, October 17. All student schedule changes should be made in the AS400 before that day.

We are working on a data entry training session. Information will be sent to the schools with dates and times.

Mobile Learning

Mobile Learning is working hard to catch up on the work requests. Thank you for your patience during this unprecedented work load.

Data Processing

This past week Data Processing completed submission of Survey 6 and Survey 8. Survey 6 provides an initial enrollment count to DOE for projection purposes, and Survey 8 is used to roster the PMRN for schools that use the FAIR and the FLKRS test for kindergarten students. We have begun working with the office of Teacher Evaluation to review/finalize the 2014 evaluation cycle using state VAM data. We have also completed the first submission of seniors' transcripts to Bright Futures for early evaluation. We are working with schools to correct transcript and schedule errors that are indicated by FASTER for resubmission. We have also completed a full upload of staff files in compliance with single sign-on expectations from DOE and authorized district level users for IBTP. Look for graduation rate information coming soon to a high school near you.

Instructional Technology

As the new Instructional Technology specialist, I am very excited to be part of such an important aspect of Okaloosa County School District's education department. As this year progresses, please do not hesitate to call or email me with your concerns, comments, and suggestions. With the input of all of Okaloosa County School District's unbelievably talented educators, I know that we can continue to move Instructional Technology in the right direction. – Brandon McSween