Navigation Tools: The DART Model

The DART model is a process for disaggregating student achievement data to help schools focus on targeting instructional change. This analytical process is designed to identify strengths and weaknesses in student performance as it relates to the summative assessment, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). As school data is entered online, the interactive DART pages perform the calculations.

http://www.bsi.fsu.edu/informationsources/dart.htm

New Roads to Success: High School Major Areas of Interest

Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, entering freshmen will need four credits in a major area of interest as a graduation requirement. This new rule is part of the A++ legislation to improve secondary education. More information is available at:

http://www.fldoe.org/APlusPlus/

Construction Ahead: Florida Standards

Social Studies & Science: The Florida Department of Education is beginning the process of revising both of these standards.

Mathematics: The public comment period for the proposed revisions has ended, and the draft Mathematics Standards for grades K-8 are available for viewing.

Reading and Language Arts: The new Reading and Language Arts Standards have been approved by the State Board of Education and are now available.

All standards are available at the following website as well as Florida's Frameworks for K-12 Gifted Learners, a resource that educators can use to enhance the level of rigor and intellectual challenge in their classrooms. http://etc.usf.edu/flstandards/index.html

Changing Terrain: 2007 Grade Calculations

In Florida’s School Grading System, 50% of a school’s grade is based on student performance and 50% is based on student learning gains. For 2007, school grade calculations will include two additional components. First, schools will receive one point for each percent of students in the lowest 25% who make adequate progress in mathematics. Second, schools will receive one point for each percent of students who achieve Level 3 and above on the Science FCAT administered to grades 5, 8 and 11.

In addition to these components, high schools can receive ten bonus points toward their school grade for FCAT retakes. In order to receive the ten bonus points, 50% of the eleventh and twelfth graders retaking the FCAT Reading and Mathematics must receive passing scores. For more information on grade calculations:

http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/reports/0607-guide07.asp

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