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Sent time: Thursday, November 17, 2011 9:08:21 AM
To: Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org) <Cari@excelined.org>
Subject: RE: List of Approved Alternative Standardized Reading Assessments for Good Cause Promotion.

Cari,

Thanks again for your help on this.

I left a voicemail for you after I spoke with the district and Melinda.

Is there a list of assessments for mid-year promotion? It looks like these don't have to be state approved.

Here's language from the rule which is mirrored in the TAP:

(2) Standards that provide a reasonable expectation that the student has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(a)-(b) of this rule include the mastery of reading skills, consistent with the month of promotion to fourth grade, as presented in the scope and sequence of the school district's core reading program. Evidence of demonstrated mastery is as follows:

(a) Successful completion of portfolio elements that meet state criteria in subsection (3) of this rule; or

(b) Satisfactory performance on a locally selected standardized assessment as specified in subsection (4) of this rule.

(4) To promote a student mid-year using a locally selected standardized assessment, as provided for in paragraph (2)(b) of this rule, there must be evidence that the student scored at or above grade level in reading comprehension, as demonstrated by standard scores or percentiles, consistent with the month of promotion to fourth grade.

Have a great day and thanks again for all you do!

Sincerely,

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Yes, they are in the TAP.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: "Smith, Kevin" <Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org>
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Thanks! I have the TAP now. Is there a current list of approved assessments?

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Yes! Look at the third grade TAP. Katie has it and it is online, but I'll send it tomorrow (no access on blackberry) the process is delineated in the TAP too (and rule, I think), but Melinda knows this best as she was in charge of third grade progression when this went down.

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From: "Smith, Kevin" <Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org>

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Cari,

What all assessments have been approved for this purpose? Is there a list? If so, where is it? ☺
What's the process for approval if a district wants to submit one?

I received a voicemail from a district today and want to be prepared before I call them back.

Katie's in Volusia training.

Have a great evening and thanks again for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Kevin Smith