

ACT Data Interpretation and Instructional Support Workshop

2013–2014 Annotated Agenda

Overview

This data interpretation workshop will support educators' analysis of the ACT. ACT expert consultants work with educators face-to-face to analyze data and identify implications for curriculum and instruction. The interactive Instructional Support workshop is designed to help educators improve student learning by using ACT solutions to make data-informed decisions. Educators will learn how to find key data points in their ACT solutions reports, translate data into insights about curriculum and instruction, and improve teaching and learning.

Length: 6 hours

Workshop Objectives

College and Career Readiness

- Recognize the urgency of college readiness levels according to ACT research
- Understand the ACT definition of college readiness and identify key components of ACT College and Career Readiness solutions
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- Develop a basic understanding of the longitudinal assessments within the ACT Continuum
- Understand how the ACT fits within the ACT Continuum
- Become acquainted with the ACT National Curriculum Survey[®] as the foundation for test content
- Understand what the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks represent
- Describe the connection between scores and skills described in the ACT College Readiness Standards

Assessment Literacy

- Become acquainted with the ACT National Curriculum Survey[®] as the foundation for test content
- Become familiar with the test specifications for each content area assessment
- Complete an abbreviated sample assessment
- Understand what the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks represent
- Describe the connection between scores and skills described in the ACT College Readiness Standards
- Use the Profile Summary Report to understand student performance

The ACT High School Report

- Locate key components of the ACT High School Report
- Understand information about students' readiness levels and college plans
- Understand the World-of-Work Map as it relates to students' career interests
- Identify implications for curriculum and course selection, intervention and student support, college planning, and career counseling

The ACT Profile Report

- Locate key components of the ACT Profile Report
- Use the ACT Profile Report to understand student performance
- Understand the impact of course-taking patterns on student readiness
- Identify implications for curriculum, instruction, staff development, and intervention and student support

Curriculum Connections

- Recognize the district-level responsibility to ensure an aligned curriculum
- Study the ACT College Readiness Standards as a meaningful anchor to the PreK–12 curriculum
- Learn to analyze district curriculum according to the ACT College Readiness Standards
- Understand the importance of aligning instruction with curriculum and assessment expectations

Instructional Connections

- Understand the critical role of school leaders in supporting rigorous instruction
- Identify ACT resources to help teachers recognize rigorous instruction

Intervention Connections

- Develop an understanding of above-the-line and below-the-line problem solving
- Recognize the district-level role in adjusting curriculum and instructional resources based on student performance
- Use the Item Response Summary Report to identify concepts that might require curricular or instructional responses
- Identify strong examples of pyramids of intervention and the roles of district-level, school-level, and classroom-level responses
- Identify information from assessment reports that can guide interventions at different levels

Additional Resources

- Become familiar with web-based resources that support students' use of ACT assessments
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- Become acquainted with resources for parents and educators