

KYOTE Program at a Crossroads

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KYOTE Meeting Results

- The teachers who attended showed *overwhelming* and *passionate* support for the senior year transitional courses with KYOTE testing.
- The teachers were *unanimous* in their support for including KYOTE as a measure of academic readiness in the new accountability system.

Support for KYOTE

Recommendations for including KYOTE as a measure of academic readiness in the accountability system have come from:

- Council on Postsecondary Education
- Systems Integration Work Group, chaired by Dr. Randy Poe
- Local Superintendents Advisory Council, chaired by Dr. Henry Webb

Plight of the Sixty Percent

- Without the senior year transitional program and KYOTE testing, the majority of high school seniors would have a significantly diminished chance for academic success.
- The *only way* these students could become college ready and avoid remedial coursework in college is by retaking the ACT at their own expense.
- Many of these students do not have a sufficiently strong academic background to be become academic ready in the new accountability system by completing advanced coursework (dual credit and AP courses).

Negative Consequences

- Without the senior year transitional program and KYOTE testing, there will be a *dramatic decrease* in the percentage of college ready high school graduates and a corresponding *increase* in the percentage of incoming college students who need remedial coursework.
- The impressive gains made in college readiness over the last nine years will be lost.

Promises Broken

- The promise of Senate Bill 1 to provide high school seniors the opportunity to address their academic deficiencies in English, reading, or mathematics on the ACT while still in high school will be *a promise broken*.
- The promises of equity, opportunity and access, and achievement gap closure in the new accountability system will be *promises broken*.

Discussion

- Questions and Comments
- What can be done to get KYOTE accepted as a measure of academic readiness in the new accountability system?

Thank You!