



## Foothills Education Charter High School Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment October-November 2018

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Staff, Friends, and Supporters of Foothills Education Charter High School:

Awash in the glow of the just-released and very positive Foothills CCRPI report, this month's focus turns to assessment.

Commenting on these results, **Foothills Regional Accountability Coordinator Dale Simpson** wrote, "We are extremely proud of the hard work of Foothills students and teachers in the 2017-2018 school year. While we believe strongly that our collective accomplishments cannot be reduced to a single test score or state rating, we have several things to be extremely proud of in this year's results. Our overall CCRPI score jumped 8 points from 2017 to 2018. Additionally, our students improved performance in six out of the eight End of Course assessments. Their hard work resulted in Foothills exceeding the state in student growth by 12 points. Importantly, this increased achievement was not limited to specific student groups; we reduced the number of subgroup performance flags from 14 in 2017 to only 2 in 2018 under the new formula. This reflects the level of commitment our teachers show every day to ensuring that **all** students learn, grow, and succeed at high levels."

These results are attributable in large part to the excellent, ongoing work being done by the data team. At the October meeting, **Tim Jarboe** led the team through a detailed review of the available GradPoint Unit Test Analysis data and reports.

Jarboe reminded the group that there are four kinds of reports that can be accessed:

- Gradebook Report
- Student Report
- Mastery Report
- Analytics Report

Each of these provides a different slant and focus that can be very informative for Foothills teachers, coaches, and administrators. Briefly,

Gradebook Reports:

- Offer searches by Activity or Period and Category
- Reveal how much time is spent per activity, providing evidence of how much

- effort students are investing
- Show failed and un-submitted test items
- Detail how many cumulative points are being earned in a given assessment

#### Student Reports:

- Allow searches by course, teacher, or individual student
- Provide, per student, time spent in tasks, completion rates, and learning proficiency data
- Allow staff to monitor whether or not students are on track and making good, timely progress
- Provide teacher searches to help determine instructor effectiveness in helping students achieve completion and mastery

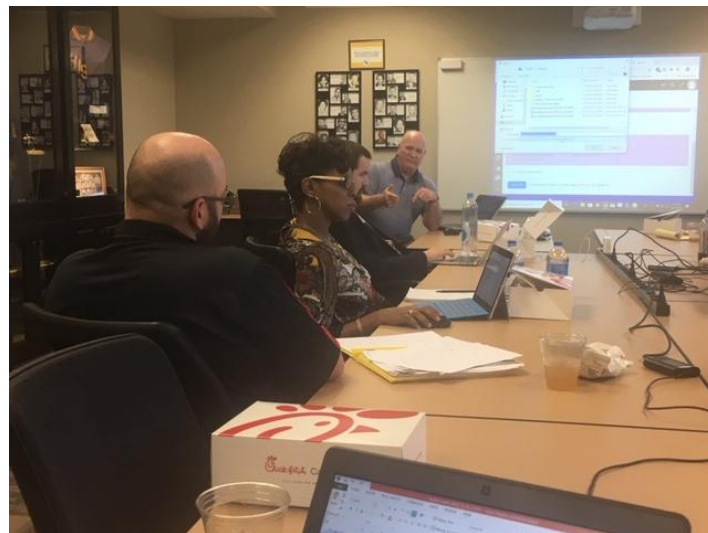
#### Mastery Reports

- Enable searches by standard to reveal the number of students who have/haven't mastered the exam, or who haven't yet attempted the EOC.
- Enable searches by units within courses to reveal median/mean scores, standard deviations, frequency of grades, and highest grades.
- Provide item analysis, showing which questions or standards students are mastering; can also provide information about test distractors.

#### Test Analytics Reports

- Provide data on which questions are frequently missed by students
- Can reveal test questions that are poorly written, for example with inappropriate graphics, format, or distractors

At the end of the session, Tim Jarboe indicated that he would be working in providing written reports to each site comparing districtwide results for each End of Course Test.



At the October meeting, and in a subsequent email, **Rebecca Moon, assistant site director at Phillips**, provided an update on the test preparation study guides she is assembling for use at all sites. As of this writing:

- All EOC Review Materials for 9th LA, 11th LA, GSE Algebra, GSE Geometry, Physical Science, Biology, and Economics are now located in the Team Drive called Teacher Materials, in a folder called, "Foothills EOC Preparation Materials"
- US History is coming soon; for now, the old information packets have been placed in the US History folder, until the new guide is available

Rebecca has also reminded staff that:

- They should begin using study guide materials with students who are taking the November 12th-14th EOCs, and
- Students should not take the EOC Exam unless they have completed all 10 study reviews; students will still take the full practice test on USATestPrep as a supplemental activity, as well as the appropriate Assesslets.

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It is great to be able to share these exciting updates and results with you. See you very soon with the next update.

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