

**Student-Teacher-Course Connection
Statewide Webinar Kickoff**

Questions and Answers

Q: Is it a district decision to submit summer school course information?

A: The course mapping process actually covers all courses

Q: Everything is Apple Macintosh compatible or web-based, right

A: Yes, it's web-based

Q: Who were your team members that participated in the pilot at Mesa?

A: Superintendent of Curriculum, Elementary Director of Curriculum, Secondary Director of Curriculum, Directors of each subject area, Subject area content specialists, 4 IS team members including Student Information Specialist

Q: How many man hours did it take?

A: 3052 courses, combined work hours for all team members was 100-120 hours

Q: Is there a cost for CourseWalk?

A: There is no cost to the LEA for the CourseWalk and SRM software

Q: Will there be elementary examples provided specifically? None so far.

A: Yes, this will be covered later on in this presentation and the support videos will be posted on the website soon. Also, there will be completed pre-mapped templates for LEAs to use for K-8 and 9-12

Q: Who sets up users?

A: The Project team

Q: will the Common Core transition be addressed?

A: Yes

Q: High Schools have had to have all courses approved by the state universities, how will this align to that process?

A: This process does not impact that approval process.

Q: Will an LEA have more than one login?]

A: An LEA will only have one log-on. LEAs will need to work together as to not edit the same courses at the same time, but multiple people can use CourseWalk at the same time.

Q: For Mac users, would you recommend Firefox, Safari, Opera, Chrome or other?

A: We would recommend Firefox or Chrome.

Q: Will this work on another browser besides IE?

A: Yes, but it was coded specifically for IE, so there may be some minor resolution issues.

Q: Are college dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment courses already in the course map?

A: Select the content of the state course that most closely meets the local course content

Q: This part of the state report manager is not complete yet correct?

A: Correct. The State Report Manager (SRM) piece will begin at a later date.

Q: How often will the SRM upload be required?

A: The process will follow the 40th and 100th day submissions as well as end of school year.

Q: Are all courses assumed to be one year long?

A: The Courses Mapping process is about content. The duration of the course will be captured in SRM where various term lengths are available.

Q: Why would a district choose to simply adopt the state courses rather than put their real courses in?

A: The pre-loaded template provides you with a pre-mapped template that an LEA could choose to just adopt, or make changes on the template to customize it to meet an LEAs individual needs (such as local course names and codes). We feel that this is a huge timesaver, since you'll have a template to work with, rather than individually inputting your local courses.

Q: Will there be a programmatic way to upload data, so that school staff can use an already familiar interface

A: Yes files can be exported from SIS and uploaded to both CourseWalk and SRM

Q: Should instructional coaches be linked to courses?

A: Yes in the SRM upload this relationship may be established.

Q: Is the AZ State Educator ID being used anywhere? It is the 16 character identifier

A: Yes. The systems at ADE will validate that number within the SRM process.

Q: Is the assumption being made that student courses and grades go into a SIS?

A: Yes

Q: Will your pilot groups represent all major SIS vendors?

A: No, but we are engaged and working with all major SIS vendors

Q: if we do not currently assign courses at the PK-5 grade levels what will we do for this project?

A: For this project you will need to assign course at the PK-5 grade levels. Adopting the template may be the best option.

Q: What part does the HQT data base play in this whole process?

A: The HQT database will be used to validate teacher information.

Q: Is the SY12-13 a Pilot year or are you saying all districts need to do the course and student piece by December?

A: SY 12-13 is not a Pilot all districts need to complete the project by December 7th.

Q: Do the videos, etc. specifically address elementary as there were no examples provided today

A: Not specifically because the videos cover how to use CourseWalk and CourseWalk procedures are the same for elementary and secondary.

Q: Will you be collecting contact minutes between a teacher and a student?

A: No it is not part of the project scope

Q: Your examples such as "terms" are different for elementary versus 7-12, those types of things are concerning if not clearly defined. Thanks
A: Yes these terms are clearly defined in the data specification for the SRM system.

Q: Do we have to map ALL courses (like Homeroom courses at elementary) that are used for attendance purposes ONLY
A: No, only content courses will be required.

Q: Will course codes need to be assigned for Independent Study, online courses, Credit Recovery classes that are done in the classroom but are manually input to the transcript record?
A: Yes all courses will map in CourseWalk. The section information related to delivery is assigned in the SRM system.

Q: Should the mapping include Music, Art, and P.E as well as other elective courses.
A: Yes

Q: Are you going to offer multiple sessions at the Regional Centers or is it a one shot deal.
A: There are multiple avenues for training and support: videos, webinars, teleconference and face to face. The project team will work to ensure the LEAs are well supported.

Q: How does one get a Course walk account and what does it cost?
A: Send an email to stconnection to obtain an account id. There is no cost.

Q: Will it matter what student information system a school currently uses for the SRM stage?
A: No.

Q: Are courses that do not have to be taught by an HQ teacher included?
A: Yes

Q: We add new courses every year, does this mean we will always be adding in the CourseWalk, will there ever be a connection of our SIS and SRM to add the new courses?
A: This is an ongoing process that will require updates.

Q: Are there samples in the course catalog for students in special Ed self-contained classes?
A: From the content perspective the course catalog is generic.

Q: Is the mapping from this point forward or are we doing it for previous years also?
A: This point forward

Q: For course mapping process, many staff members needed will be off contract for the summer. Is there going to be financial support to hire them back during the summer?
A: No we will work with them during their contract term.

Q: A student has classes that are not in their schedule. For example, they take an additional online class on their own time but we give them credit for this. How is this course reported in the connection?
A: All courses will be captured in the catalog.

Q: To clarify, our participation today is our "sign up" or do we need to do something else
A: send email to stconnection@azed.gov please

Q: What about home grown systems, like TUSD uses?
A: The processes are data extracts and vendor neutral.

Q: Everyone from district logs in on one district login
A: Yes. LEAs will need to work within the agency to not update the same courses at the same time. Multiple people may be logged-on with the same user ID at the same time

Q: How do we get our log-in and passwords?
A: when you email stconnection@azed.gov you will receive a response with your login and password within 8 working hours

Q: Can we use CourseWalk to get us going initially and then NOT use it in future years when we add new courses?
A: You will want to use CourseWalk to ensure you are mapping to the AZ catalog as it is maintained and aligned in the system.

Q: What is supposed to be in the Subject Line for the user id/password?
A: Course Mapping

Q: Do Charter Schools and AOI's have this same requirement?
A: all public schools

Q: What is the follow-up Webinar on May 15th?
A: it's a question and answer session. You may send questions to stconnection@azed.gov prior to webinar for us to address during the webinar as well.

Q: Will JTED's be required to report this data as well?
A: Yes