

Brownsville ISD – An Early College District
Rivera Early College High School

DEPARTMENT CHAIR MEETING

October 31, 2019

AGENDA

IMPORTANT: The Course Listing Guide changes are due to the main office tomorrow. Let's look at the document for your area.

REMINDERS:

The Superintendent has announced a Mandated Fall and Spring Benchmark. Everyone needs to support this initiative and ALL students are expected to do their best to show GROWTH from one test to another.

RESULTS from these will be recorded on our new DATA WALL housed in half of the former dance room in F-Hall. First time testers will be monitored visually in that room on interactive charts by their content teachers, the IDEA and EL Departments.

REMEMBER: STAAR scores that show IMPROVEMENT for students each year grant us points on STATE ACCOUNTABILITY. Of course, more importantly, the students benefit personally much more than that.

Here is the FALL Benchmark Schedule –

WEEK ONE November 5 & 7 2019 – PAPER PENCIL and scores will be recorded on TANGO.

FORMAT: STAAR/EOC. This means that this benchmark will follow the number of questions from the TEA blueprint and will require the number of hours allotted by the state.

ESSAY: Expository prompt for English I. English II will include a persuasive prompt. The writing portion of the test will have **one campus rater** and submit the score on ETAZO. This composition should be **scored (1-4)** by November 12th using the TEA Expository or Persuasive Rubric.

MULTIPLE CHOICE: Focus on Revising and Editing as per the Scope and Sequence. For the reading portion of the test, we will follow the TEA blueprint as well.

NON TESTED SUBJECTS: CPAs for the 2nd six weeks are available for the non-tested areas.

AP and DE teachers will be provided passes for students who need to make up contact hours and prepare for AP exams.

Again, every student successful on DE or AP assessments count for our ACCOUNTABILITY,(including: certifications, military enlistment, SAT and ACT math and reading scores, etc. for CCMR – College, Career, and Military Readiness)

The NEW TSIA 2.0 webinar is located at this link: [THECB YouTube page](#)