

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

DEPARTMENT CHAIR MEETING

October 24, 2019

AGENDA

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 & 6 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 ETAGO. 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)

Announcing the TSI Assessment, 2.0 (TSIA2)
Informational Webinars
Hosted by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)

As you may be aware, The College Board has been approved by the Coordinating Board to continue as the test vendor for the next generation Texas Success Initiative Assessment, known as the TSIA, 2.0 (TSIA2). In order to better understand the TSIA2 and how it will differ from the current version, you are invited to join one of the upcoming informational webinars hosted by THECB staff:

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| · Monday, October 28, 2019, 11 – 12 noon (CT) | K12 Test Administrators |
| · Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 10 – 11 a.m. (CT) | Higher Education Test Administrators |

The webinars will address general information, along with specifically-focused topics that are of interest to each audience:

- TSIA2 enhancements
- Overview of test design process
- Proposed implementation plan
- Current TSIA – clarifications
- Q&A

The webinar can be accessed 10 minutes prior to start time at the following link: (*no need for prior registration*)

- Link to K12 Webinar: Monday, October 28, 11 -12 noon (CT)
Join Skype Meeting <https://meet.lync.com/theqb-state/keylan.morgan/3CBP11KR>
- Link to Higher Education webinar: Wednesday, October 30, 10 – 11 a.m. (CT)

Join Skype Meeting <https://meet.lync.com/theqb-state/keylan.morgan/QJHVBS1Y>

Please submit your questions to Kendra Horn (Kendra.horn@theqb.state.tx.us) by **Friday, October 25, 12 noon.**

If you are unable to attend during the posted times, each webinar will be recorded and posted to the [THECB YouTube page](#) within one week of the live event.