

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

Prep Math Cluster Agenda
March 19, 2013
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Lake Worth Campus

ITEM 1. Students that don't pass prep math but pass a majority of their tests and final exam
The cluster was asked to discuss avenues to shorten students' time in prep classes. The possibility of giving certain students that didn't pass their prep math course the opportunity to retake a test was considered. The student would remediate with MathXL and retake a test only with the recommendation from their instructor. The cluster agreed that the student would have a set time frame to complete the remediation and retake the test at the testing center. There could be a problem for the spring term because the instructor might be on vacation during the summer and not be able to complete a grade change until August.

The cluster agreed that another option to consider is to replace the lowest test score with the final exam score because the final exam is cumulative.

ITEM 2. The format of the final exam
The current format of the final exam is twenty multiple choice and ten short answer questions. The cluster agreed that there should be fewer multiple choice problems on the final exam. The cluster suggested twenty short answer and ten multiple choice questions.

ITEM 3. Ideas on prep math
Offer a four week noncredit buffer to students who missed the PERT cutoff scored by eight or less points. Students that qualify would receive information explaining the program and a printout of their prep math weaknesses at testing center. The student would remediate with MathXL or My Math Lab by completing the specific assignments and tests. Students would move on to the next course (MAT 0028 or MAT 1033) if they completed all the required assignments and scored an 85% or higher on their tests. After completing the remediation, a student could enroll in a 12 week or 8 week course.

Another idea would be to combine MAT 0018 and MAT 0028 into one course (3 credits). The course would focus on the important topics needed for credit math. The other topics covered in MAT 0018 and MAT 0028 would be flipped into MathXL.

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