



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Basic Skills Directors

FROM: Randy Whitfield
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SUBJECT: Core Outcome Measures Information

New **draft** federal legislation for Basic Skills proposes to require local programs to meet the state's negotiated percentages for core outcome measures. Programs that do not meet these outcome measures will be in jeopardy of losing their federal funding for Basic Skills. Although the new legislation has stalled and will probably not go into effect until July 1, 2005, it is important for all programs to start examining their local outcome measures.

At the April Basic Skills Directors' Institute, many people asked for copies of their local program federal core outcome measures for program year 2002-2003. Attached you will find that information for your college. Also attached is a packet of information the Basic Skills State Leadership Advisory Board asked me to send to each program. The packet includes the target percent levels the state was required to meet for the 2002-2003 program year, the state's negotiated levels and actual performance levels from 2001-2003 and the negotiated levels for 2003-2004, a ranking for North Carolina compared to all other states and two territories, proposed changes to the National Reporting System, and new Outcome Measures Definitions which includes TABE 9 & 10, WorkKeys, and BEST Plus. **Advisory Board members ask that you bring all this information to your next regional meeting for discussion.** Also, I will be conducting sessions at the Basic Skills and Family Literacy Conference in July (21st-23rd) on this topic.

Please contact me at 919/807-7132 or randyw@ncccs.cc.nc.us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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