

ACTL MATH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
9-20-23

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- a. This is a much tighter timeframe than usual, but we will have recommendation(s) almost identical to last year (but updated for new data)
- b. The change is to allow budgetary requests to go to APS and the School Board prior to the budget being released at the end of February 2024
- c. Because of the timeframe, our meetings this first half of the school year will be much more focused on our recommendation while we envision the second half of the school year's meetings to be focused on other math topics

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- a. We briefly discussed this issue, with more to come in future meetings after the first tests' results
- b. Even though the test is done to various grades over a certain time period, all results will be released to parents at one time via ParentVue
- c. Carl Seward and Shannan Ellis (faculty advisers) said new screener has more of a focus on Algebra readiness
- d. It is the screener that Fairfax and Montgomery County use
- e.

- b. English Learner and SPED offices will be there too to help present on the SOL math results for their respective categories
- c. We were given a preview of some of those results, but the detailed math results from the SOL will be fully released there
- d. APS made more growth in recovery in math scores than the statewide average
- e. Huge correlation too between attendance and poor math performance at APS and state-wide
- f. We also had a discussion of how SOL results are used for curriculum at the school, vs. screeners (screeners are used much more for addressing a child's needs, but SOL results are also used)

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