

Technology Report

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NWEA Testing: Our Fall NWEA testing window has been open since September 7th, and as of the writing of the report, we have uploaded 1539 tests. The Elementary School is testing everyone grades two through four, while the middle school is testing only select grade levels and subjects. We have a few more make-up tests to squeeze in before our testing window closes on September 28th,

Accuplacer: Many Bow students seem to hit the upper limit of student assessment as measured by the NWEA test as early as eighth grade. Thus the high school will be utilizing Collegboard's Accuplacer placement test this October. Like the NWEA tests, Accuplacer is a suite of computer-adaptive placement tests that quickly, accurately, and efficiently assess reading, writing, and math skills. However, since it is an instrument used by Higher Education to assess student placement in college courses, we are hopeful it will be a more suitable tool than NWEA for our high school population.

Naviance Succeed: Speaking of college, the high school will be using a new post-secondary planning tool called Naviance Succeed this fall. The program draws data from our student information system, testing databases, grade books, and student surveys to provide a comprehensive view of where a student is in relation to his or her career plan. Students can use the program to explore their options and set goals; parents can use the program to monitor progress and collaborate with their students on setting and meeting their goals; and teachers and counselors can use the program to encourage success and customize the readiness experience for each student.

Infinite Campus: We have started the implementation process of moving from our current Student Information System to Infinite Campus. This will be a complex process, but our goal is to be far enough along with the implementation to use the new system for course registrations at the High School this winter.

Sincerely,

Roy Bailey – Technology Coordinator