

MAFSA-May 3, 2013

10:00-10:55

- Discussion of German transcript (Frederick County)
- Transcripts using both old and new systems/grading scales (Frederick County)
 - Makes for more challenging analysis
- Transcripts from Scotland not broken up by years (Prince Williams County)
 - Makes awarding credits difficult

11:00-12:00

- Planning for the Future Presentation (Howard County)
 - Aging out
 - In VA, ESOL students can stay in school until 22 years old
 - Coding: Drop out vs. Age out?
 - Participants to go back to jurisdictions to find out coding information (to be discussed at next meeting)
 - Counties discuss recommendations for older students
 - Night school, Community college, etc
 - Best practices
 - GED & EDP information
 - GED is changing literacy level expectations

1:00-2:00

- Singapore's Education System (Fairfax County, handout)
 - Primary Ed, 6 years
 - Secondary Ed, 4 or 5 years
 - Different exams and certifications awarded
 - Post Secondary, 2 years
 - Need to pass exam in order to enter University
- Mongolian Education System (Fairfax County, handout)
 - Primary Ed, grades 1-6
 - Starts at age 6
 - Secondary school
 - Lower grades 7-9
 - Upper grades 10-12
- MELLFIN Conference next Friday, there's still time to join
- Results of Guardianship Survey (Frederick County)
 - Varying responses (handout)
 - PPWs very helpful resource
- Oral Declaration (Baltimore County)
 - Best Practice?
 - For documented refugees only (or special cases/hardship)
 - Rare occurrences
 - Awarded 5-8 credits, core classes
- Contact list update (Candice)

- Please send contact information if you haven't done so already
- Please share Math placement tests (Frederick County)
- ACCESS release criteria
 - What to do if they've finished ESOL classes but haven't passed ACCESS?
 - Waive?
 - Monitor?
 - What if they have an IEP?
 - Release to Spec Ed?
 - Still give ACCESS?
 - Administrative procedures
- The Connection-For International Credential Evaluation Professionals
 - <http://theconnection.ece.org>
 - Good resource
- Shelby Cearley's Blog on International Admissions
 - Google that for website
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