

MAFSA Meeting  
May 14, 2016  
Frederick County Public Schools  
Frederick, MD

### **Analysis of Difficult Transcripts**

Mexico – Clarification of adding the semester system at the high school level.

On last update of MAFSA Charts.

Great Britain- Determining grades from a middle school transcript that appeared as B2 and C5. Juana has a report card that might explain this grading scale and will send it to the person asking the question.

Haiti – Grade levels appeared as AF 8 and NS 1 and NS 2. What do these mean?  
Research needs to be done on these new designations.

### **Career and Technology Center Presentation**

Mr. Conception, the Principal gave the presentation. Enrollment in the school is 770 students with a capacity of 800. The program is for students in grades 10-12 and is half a day at the center and half a day at the home school. There are 25 career programs (health professions, CAD, Culinary Arts, CISCO, Etc. New is their Teacher Academy). Students in higher levels of ESOL may attend and an ELL teacher provides direct support for those students at the Center. Seventy –two percent of the graduates of the Center go on to higher education. Entrance criteria is: 25% GPA, 25% attendance and 50% the shadowing experience which is graded on a rubric by the teachers of the classes visited. Students may shadow two programs. Most of the programs have industry certification.

### **Letter to Parent About Graduated Students**

Howie Stein shared Frederick County's letter that is sent to parents of students who have already graduated from secondary school in their home country. It states that Maryland School Law does not permit student to enroll in secondary programs if they have already graduated. This is sent after a conference with the parent and student and a review of the records submitted. The age of the student does not matter if they have graduated.

### **Venezuela – School System Structure**

MAFSA Charts currently show a sixth year in the school system structure, however, students actually graduate after 5 years (QUINTO Grado). This has been researched and documented and the MAFSA Charts will be changed to reflect this.

Years - 7<sup>th</sup> - Primero, 8<sup>th</sup> - Segundo, 9<sup>th</sup> - Tercero, 10<sup>th</sup> - Cuarto, 11<sup>th</sup> - Quinto.

During this discussion, the question was asked on how long different MAFSA member systems give students and parents to present records for evaluation.

**Puerto Rican School System** – The years are now called just as they are in the US. This will be changed in the MAFSA Grading Scale Charts.

**Bolivia** – a new grading scale was introduced and it was recommended as and added scaled to the MAFSA Charts based on a scale of 0 -100. Research needs to be done on this and would be in addition to what is already there when verified. The scales may be based on the year the students enter school.

**France** – question on the French grading scaled. Family was stating our charts are wrong but members agreed that they were accurate.

### **WIDA Scores**

Candace asked that everyone send in their system's contact for the score so that she can update and share the EXCEL Chart she already has.

Website – Silvia will update the password at the next meeting.

Next Meeting – Baltimore County Public Schools, February 24, 2017

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