2017-2018 WCSD AP Statistics Program Evaluation Rubric

Evaluator Number

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Program Number

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Name of Text

The Practice of Statistics 5th Edition

Publisher

BFW Freeman

Rate This Text Overall

- [x] High
- [ ] Mid
- [ ] Low

Focus: Evaluate the table of contents and any pacing guides. Do not stop there; also evaluate units, chapters, and lessons. (Both student and teacher materials)

Exploring Data

Defining variables
Constructing and interpreting graphical displays of distributions of univariate data (dotplot, stemplot, histogram, cumulative frequency plot)!Summarizing distributions of univariate data Comparing distribution of univariate data (dotplots, back-to-back stemplots, parallel boxplots) Exploring bivariate data
Exploring categorical data

Sampling and Experimentation: Planning and conducting a study

Overview of methods of data collection
Planning and conducting surveys
Planning and conducting experiments
Generalizability of results and types of conclusions that can be drawn from observational studies, experiments and surveys
Simulation modeling

Anticipating Patterns: Exploring random phenomena using probability and simulation

Probability
Random variables
Binomial distributions/geometric
Normal distribution
Sampling distributions

Statistical inference: Estimating population parameters and testing hypotheses

Estimation
Confidence intervals
Hypothesis tests including chi-square and regression slope

At least 90% of the topics are in the textbook.
Comments?

Everything needed for AP Stats plus 3 additional chapters are included for after the AP exam. The textbook has more examples and support for teacher and student than all other options. This book is the best, by far, in my opinion.

- ○ Less than 25%
- ○ Less than 60% but greater than 25%
- ○ Less than 90% but greater than 60%
- ◉ At least 90%

Student work involves significant work with applications/modeling and problems that use algebra skills
Comments?

Yes. Work is just right and additional AP Free Response Questions from past exams are included in planning and available online through textbook website.

- ○ Does not occur
- ○ Sometimes occurs
- ○ Frequently occurs
- ◉ Consistently occurs

There are problems at a level of sophistication appropriate to the course (beyond mere review of previous course topics) that involve the application of knowledge and skills from Algebra.
Comments?

Yes, there is.

- ○ Does not occur
- ○ Sometimes occurs
- ○ Frequently occurs
- ◉ Consistently occurs

Rigor: Examine the instructional materials, student practice and assessments. Look for evidence of where the topics explicitly require students to understand concepts, do the assignments that students work on build that understanding, and do assessment tasks reveal whether students understand the mathematics in question?
Comments?

The resources provided with this book are better than all others. We were given TestGen, digital PDFs, sample tests, quizzes, activities, and more. The teacher edition of the book has teaching tips, additional problems, answers, pacing guides, and more. These are good resources!

- ○ Does not occur
- ○ Sometimes occurs
- ○ Frequently occurs
- ◉ Consistently occurs

Rigor: Do the materials feature high-quality conceptual problems and conceptual discussion questions? Do they provide opportunities for multiple representations?
Comments?

The book was written with the AP test in mind. Questions and content are tailored to the course we teach.

- ○ Does not occur
- ○ Sometimes occurs
- ○ Frequently occurs
- ◉ Consistently occurs

Rigor: Are the materials designed so that students attain the fluency and procedural skills required? Evaluate the lessons, chapter/unit assessments, daily routines, and homework assignments for evidence in the development of fluency and procedural skill supported by conceptual understanding.
Comments?

Again, this book was written with the AP curriculum in mind, specifically. It was written for the AP exam. Yes, the rigor is correct.

- ○ Does not occur
- ○ Sometimes occurs
- ○ Frequently occurs
- ◉ Consistently occurs

Rigor: Are the materials designed so that teachers and students spend sufficient time working with applications, without losing focus on the topics defined for the course? Are there single- and multi-step contextual problems that develop the mathematics of the course, afford opportunities for practice, and engage students in problem solving?
Comments?

Everything is to the point and valid.

- ○ Does not occur
- ○ Sometimes occurs
- ○ Frequently occurs
- ◉ Consistently occurs

Coherence: Are the materials coherent in their content, do the topics build on each other in a way that is beneficial to the instruction, student practice and assessments?
Comments?

Yes.

- ○ Does not occur
- ○ Sometimes occurs
- ○ Frequently occurs
- ◉ Consistently occurs