

FY 2009 QUESTION NUMBER: 51

QUESTION:

Provide information on resources available to support the success of students on the HSA, especially the students who have been unsuccessful.

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: N/A

ANSWER:

The major HSA support activities available at all high schools include the following:

HSA Team Leaders at each high school meet regularly with school staff and monthly with Central Services staff. A summary is attached.

HSA Prep Online: The High School Instruction and Achievement/Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs (HSIA/OCIP) in collaboration with Web Services has developed the High School Assessment (HSA) Online Prep Web-based program for use by individual students and classes for practicing HSA items. The items include public release items from the Maryland State Department of Education as well as items purchased from Continental Press. Each answer has been annotated by a MCPS teacher so that the student gets hints and advice about answering future questions correctly.

HSA Interventions: HSIA/OCIP and the Office of School Performance have collaborated to approve intervention plans submitted by each high school for after-school support for students at risk of failing HSAs. OCIP provides teacher compensation and incentives for students according to each school's pre-approved allocation.

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