

V. S. U. P. Test Item Bank Work Groups

Evaluation for 2014-2015

Evaluations from 132 of 195 participants	Average Score	% of 8-10	% of -10	# of 1-5	# of 6-7	# of 8-9	# of 10
Aspects of Test Bank Process							
COMMUNICATION (from VSUP regarding logistics and expectations)	9.4	95%	67%	2	5	37	88
FOOD (breakfast, lunch, snacks, drinks served at meetings)	9.1	89%	56%	3	11	44	74
FACILITY (Albemarle Resource Center)	6.1	33%	10%	58	30	30	13
ATMOSPHERE (tone / ambiance / climate of meetings)	9.1	92%	50%	1	9	54	65
ORGANIZATION (overall process of writing and revising questions at meetings)	8.6	81%	39%	7	18	56	51
LEAD TEACHERS (role in providing support and organization)	8.9	83%	55%	9	13	36	71
QUALITY of ITEMS (produced in your subject area this year)	8.6	85%	30%	3	17	71	39
QUANTITY of ITEMS (produced in your subject area this year)	8.6	80%	36%	7	18	54	45
Professional Learning Experience							
WRITING ITEMS (independently between meetings)	8.0	69%	22%	12	26	56	27
TRAINING (in Use of Interactive Achievement and Writing Higher Level Questions)	7.4	58%	23%	24	24	41	26
REVISING ITEMS (in work groups)	9.2	95%	55%	1	5	51	69
DISCUSSIONS (at meetings w/ individuals or groups on pedagogical issues)	9.3	94%	62%	2	6	40	77
INTERACTIONS with COLLEAGUES (from other school divisions)	9.5	96%	69%	2	3	34	86
USE of TEST BANK ITEMS (in own classroom, school and/or division)	8.8	84%	50%	4	31	23	4660

COMMENTS from Test Bank Participants (2014-2015):

“It was awesome to have the opportunity to work with a team of teachers from the whole state of Virginia.”

“The meetings could have been even more productive if we had not had so many problems with the internet.”

“This was an absolutely wonderful experience! I learned SO much from these meetings.”

“Everyone was excited to be there and appreciative of the help and support provided by VSUP and IA.”

“Writing items this year was easier with all of the examples and directions we received from our Leads.”

“I would have liked to focus more on the instructional side and worked together to develop some rich tasks.”

“Writing five items was a reasonable expectation, but not as easy as it seemed and it took a LOT of time.”

“Collaboration in the revision process produced great insights and really helped elevate the quality of items.”

“We needed more training on uploading images and more practice with creating constructed response items.”

“The time spent was worth it for the interactions with colleagues alone – great to be able to exchange ideas!”

“This would be better done over the summer so I wouldn’t miss so much time from classes.”

“Better internet is a “must” – it was very frustrating that valuable time was lost getting connected.”

“Might be good to do more revising of items outside our grade level; that would lead to even more rigorous items and more discussions of instructional strategies that help students learn difficult concepts.”

“Work Group Leads were very professional and organized; they clearly knew what they were doing and were always ready to answer questions and provide support.”

“Things have improved so much over my years of working on the TB ; thank you for streamlining the process.”

“It was great to have IA staff at every meeting - discussions with VSUP/IA technology people were very helpful.”

“It is always amazing to get together with motivated professionals – I got wonderful tips from colleagues and always felt supported. I really appreciated the opportunity to network with such dynamic individuals.”

“The questions got better each session, and I am really excited about using this year’s items!”

“Great to walk in, get right to work, and know what was expected of us.”

“More participants were needed – we need to have at least two review groups per grade to be effective.”

“There was a steep learning curve for creating PBA’s, but I look forward to trying them out with my students.”

“There are amazing teachers working in Virginia; I benefited greatly from their knowledge and experience.”

“This has been an exceptionally informative process as well as very fun. Thank you for your organization and for the chance to work with colleagues all over the state on such a worthwhile endeavor.”