POWERSHOT COMPANION

Make Great Honors & AP Recommendations with PVAAS

This document supports the presentation and video Powershot:

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available on PDE's PA Data Powershot webpage at **pa.gov/education >**

Who might use this Powershot?

The intended audience is School Leaders, Teacher Leaders, and Teachers.

Why use this PA Data Powershot?

This Powershot will help develop a deeper understanding and use of PVAAS student projections for the purpose of course pathway recommendations for higher-level courses, such as Honors and AP. It provides an overview of how School Leaders, Teacher Leaders, and Teachers can:

- Use and interpret PVAAS student projections
- Consider PVAAS student projections as a data source when guiding students' higher-level course selection(s)
- Apply PVAAS student projections to course recommendations

How might you use this PA Data Powershot in your work?

There are many reasons and opportunities to make use of this PA Data Powershot. For example, the video could be used as follows:

- View at a grade-level, department-level, or student-level data meeting to collaborate on next action steps for including PVAAS student projections with other data sources to make course recommendation conversations consistent and transparent
- Discuss with middle school team faculty to develop a system to use in course recommendation process(es)
- Share with secondary department team members to build consistency across the department and school in the use of PVAAS projections in scheduling decisions
- Set the stage for enhancing the practice of conferencing with students, parents, and families around data, including PVAAS student projections, for course decisions
- View independently to set individual goals as a teacher or school leader, in making use of the PVAAS student projections for scheduling guidance

What are possible follow-up action steps?

- Develop a course recommendation profile / template for various Honors and AP course recommendations that includes multiple data sources
- Set criteria for how PVAAS student projections are to be weighted, along with other data sources, in course guidance and recommendations
- Review available PVAAS student projections and how they might be used in course recommendations for existing Honors and AP courses within the school and LEA
- Hold individual student and/or family conferences to identify student interests and goals that pair with PVAAS student projections and other data to inform course decisions

Links to Resources

You may access the resources referenced in the PA Data Powershot with the links provided below:

- Student Report Desk Reference (PDF)
  https://pvaas.sas.com/support/PVAAS-SRRd-Desk-Reference.pdf
- What Educators Should Know about PVAAS Student Probabilities (PDF)
  https://pvaas.sas.com/e/support.html?as=c&aj=c&zZ=papublic#/PVAAS-StudentProbabilities.pdf
- Using PVAAS to Inform Individual Student Schedules and Academic Course Placement (PDF)
  https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/education/documents/instruction/assessment-and-accountability/pvaas/usingpvaas/usingpvaastoinformstudentscheduleandcourseplacement.pdf
- PVAAS Projections in Action: Optimizing Course Placement Decisions (PDF)
  https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/education/documents/instruction/assessment-and-accountability/pvaas/usingpvaas/projectionsinaction_optimizingcourseplacementdecisions.pdf