



ACE Virtual Series

Q&A Report:

AFFILITE MANAGEMENT

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Questions	Answers
We are using ThruText to reach out to students.	ThruText is \$100 to sign up, then \$.05/text. It allows us to share texting duties and to have pre-prepped answers that can be customized. Also, it gives us oversight of everything sent to a student. We've budgeted \$300 for this year for texts.
Has there been a decision made if in-person sessions are allowed for 2021 ?	We haven't made any decisions for 2021.
Let's talk about text communications with students! How can we, as a group, find a product that we can all use?	ACE Tools has some great resources for texting programs
What if students want to join ACE after the deadline - we accept students all year long.	A lot of affiliates let students sign up anytime. This is up to the affiliate.
How about registration of affiliate board members, especially from an insurance coverage perspective?	The new board member update in the database will allow an administrator to utilize an excel upload feature to enter all board members at one time. This should make it easy for affiliates to capture all board members.
What is the difference between an excused student vs. an absent student?	This is up to the affiliate to define. Affiliates decide how and if they want to utilize this feature. It's important to understand and remember that in the attendance form, excused = present.
Sorry if I missed this - will you publish this presentation (I'll take fewer notes!)	https://acementortools.org/virtual/#webinars The link has all the past sessions, Q&A, registration for future sessions, etc.
Those using texts - did students opt in? We were told we could not text students unless they opt in, particularly because they are minors.	Some do have opt-in requirements. It is okay to text students. It is part of the student registration; the parent consent form states that ACE can utilize students' phone numbers.
I am a member of a small chapter of ACE. Since we will be virtual next year, all 4 schools that participate will be in one virtual meeting. Would you still recommend assigning 4 teams or 1 since we are all together? There are 7 to 10 students at each school.	Discuss with your team leaders and see what would make it the easiest and most efficient for everyone. Combining teams may make it easier. If team leaders each manage each school, it divides up the responsibilities. Or one person managing may make it easier. It really depends on your affiliate. Reach out to your RD to discuss what makes the most sense for your affiliate.