

614 SCHOOL DISTRICT TESTING PLAN AND PROCEDURE

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the school district's testing plan and procedure.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school district is to implement procedures for testing, test security, documentation, and record keeping.

III. DUTIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL REGARDING TEST ADMINISTRATION

A. Superintendent

1. Responsibilities before testing.
 - a. Designate a district assessment coordinator and district technology coordinator.
 - b. The superintendent, or a designee who has been authorized to be the identified official with authority by the school board, pre-authorizes staff access for applicable Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) secure systems.
 - c. Annually review and recertify staff who have access to MDE secure systems.
 - d. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
 - e. Establish a culture of academic integrity.
 - f. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) audits during testing.
 - g. Ensure student information is current and accurate.
 - h. Ensure that a current district test security procedure is in place and that all relevant staff have been provided district training on test administration and test security.
 - i. Ensure that a current process is included for tracking which students tested with which test monitors and any other adult(s) who were present in the testing room (e.g., staff providing assistance, paraprofessionals, etc.).

- j. Confirm the district assessment coordinator has current information and training specific to test security and the administration of statewide assessments.
 - k. Confirm the district assessment coordinator completes Pre-test Editing in the Test Web Edit System (WES).
 - l. Post on the school district website the complete Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing form.
2. Responsibilities after testing.
- a. Confirm the district assessment coordinator and Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS) coordinator complete Post-test Editing in Test WES.
 - b. Verify with the district assessment coordinator that all test security issues have been reported to MDE and are being addressed.
 - c. Confirm the MARSS coordinator has updated all student records for Post-test Editing.
 - d. Confirm the district assessment coordinator has finalized the district's assessment information prior to the close of Post-test Editing in Test WES.
 - e. Confirm the district assessment coordinator, or designee, has access to the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) system and enters necessary information.
 - f. Discuss assessment results with the district assessment coordinator and school administrators.

B. District Assessment Coordinator

- 1. Responsibilities before testing.
 - a. Serve as primary contact with MDE regarding policy and procedure questions related to test administration.
 - b. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
 - c. Confirm all staff who handle test materials, administer tests, or have access to secure test content have completed the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.

- (1) Maintain the completed *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure* for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
- d. Review with all staff the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure* and their responsibilities thereunder.
- e. Identify appropriate tests for students and ensure student data sent to service providers for testing are correct.
- f. Establish district testing schedule within the testing windows specified by the MDE and service providers.
- g. Prepare testing conditions, including user access to service provider websites, preparing readiness for online testing, preparing a plan for tracking which students test on which computers or devices, ensure accommodations are indicated as necessary, providing students with opportunity to become familiar with test format, item types, and tools prior to test administration; establishing process for inventorying and distributing secure test materials where necessary; preparing procedures for expected and unexpected situations occurring during testing; planning for addressing technical issues while testing; identify staff who will enter student responses from paper accommodated test materials and scores from MTAS administration online.
- h. Train school assessment coordinators, test monitors, MTAS test administrators, and ACCESS (test for English language learners) and Alternate ACCESS test administrators.
 - (1) Provide training on proper test administration and test security (Pearson's Training Management System).
 - (2) Verify staff complete any and all test-specific training.
- i. Maintain security of test content, test materials, and record of all staff involved.
 - (1) Receive secure paper test materials from the service provider and immediately lock them in a previously identified secure area, inventory same, and contact service provider with any discrepancies.
 - (2) Organize secure test materials for online administrations and keep them secure.
 - (3) Define chain of custody for providing test materials to test monitors and administrators. The chain of custody must address the process for providing test materials on the day of testing, distributing test materials to and collecting test

materials from students at the time of testing, keeping test materials secure between testing sessions, and returning test materials after testing is completed.

j. Confirm that all students have appropriate test materials.

2. Responsibilities on testing day(s).

a. Conduct random, unannounced visits to testing rooms to observe staff adherence to test security and policies and procedures.

b. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.

c. Contact the MDE assessment contact within 24 hours of a security breach and submit the *Test Security Notification* in Test WES within 48 hours.

d. Address invalidations and test or accountability codes.

3. Responsibilities after testing.

a. Ensure that student responses from paper accommodated test materials and MTAS scores are entered.

b. Arrange for secure disposal of all test materials that are not required to be returned within 48 hours after the close of the testing window.

c. Return secure test materials as outlined in applicable manuals and resources.

d. Collect security documents and maintain them for two years from the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.

e. Review student assessment data and resolve any issues.

f. Distribute Individual Student Reports no later than fall parent/teacher conferences.

g. Enter Graduation Requirements Records in the GRR system.

C. School Principal

1. Responsibilities before testing.

a. Designate a school assessment coordinator and technology coordinator for the building.

b. Be knowledgeable about proper test administration and test security as outlined in manuals and directions.

- c. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
 - d. Communicate the importance of test security and expectation that staff will keep test content secure and act with honesty and integrity during test administration.
 - e. Provide adequate secure storage space for secure test materials before, during, and after testing until they are returned to the service provider or securely disposed of.
 - f. Ensure adequate computers and/or devices are available and rooms appropriately set up for online testing.
 - g. Verify that all test monitors and test administrators receive proper training for test administration.
 - h. Ensure students taking specified tests have opportunity to become familiar with test format, item types, and tools prior to test administration.
 - i. Include the complete Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing form in the student handbook.
2. Responsibilities on testing day(s).
- a. Ensure that test administration policies and procedures and test security requirements in all manuals and directions are followed.
 - b. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.
3. Responsibilities after testing.
- a. Ensure all secure test materials are collected, returned, and/or disposed of securely as required in any manual.
 - b. Ensure requirements for embargoed final assessment results are followed.

D. School Assessment Coordinator

1. Responsibilities before testing.
- a. Implement test administration and test security policies and procedures.

- b. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
- c. Ensure all staff who handle test materials, administer tests, or have access to secure test content read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
- d. Identify appropriate tests for students and ensure student data sent to service providers for testing are correct.
- e. Prepare testing conditions, including the following: schedule rooms and computer labs; arrange for test monitors and administrators; arrange for additional staff to assist with unexpected situations; arrange for technology staff to assist with technical issues; develop a plan for tracking which students test on which computers or devices; plan seating arrangements for students; ensure preparations are completed for Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA), Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA), and ACCESS online testing; ensure accommodations are properly reported; confirm how secure paper test materials will arrive and quantities to expect; address accommodations and specific test administration procedures; determine staff who will enter the student responses from paper accommodated test materials and scores from MTAS administrations online.
- f. Train staff, including all state-provided training materials, policies and procedures, and test-specific training.
- g. Maintain security of test content and test materials.
 - (1) Receive secure paper test materials from the service provider and immediately lock them in a previously identified secure area, inventory same, and contact service provider with any discrepancies.
 - (2) Organize secure test materials for online administrations and keep them secure.
 - (3) Follow chain of custody for providing test materials to test monitors and administrators. The chain of custody must address the process for providing test materials on the day of testing, distributing test materials to and collecting test materials from students at the time of testing, keeping test materials secure between testing sessions, and returning test materials after testing is completed.
 - (4) Identify need for additional test materials to district assessment coordinator.
 - (5) Provide MTAS student data collection forms if necessary.

- (6) Distribute applicable ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS *Test Administrator Scripts* and *Test Administration Manuals* to test administrators so they can become familiar with the script and prepare for test administration.
- (7) Confirm that all students taking ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS have appropriate test materials and preprinted student information on the label is accurate.

2. Responsibilities on testing day(s).

- a. Distribute materials to test monitors and ACCESS test administrators and ensure security of test materials between testing sessions and that district procedures are followed.
- b. Ensure *Test Monitor and Student Directions* and *Test Administrator Scripts* are followed and answer questions regarding same.
- c. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits, as applicable.
- d. Conduct random, unannounced visits to testing rooms to observe staff adherence to test security and test administration policies and procedures.
- e. Report testing irregularities to district assessment coordinator using the *Test Administration Report*.
- f. Report security breaches to the district assessment coordinator as soon as possible.

3. Responsibilities after testing.

- a. Ensure that all paper test materials are kept locked and secure and security checklists completed.
- b. Ensure that student responses from paper accommodated test materials and MTAS scores are entered.
- c. Arrange for secure disposal of all test materials that are not required to be returned within 48 hours after the close of the testing window.
- d. Return secure test materials as outlined in applicable manuals and resources.
- e. Prepare materials for pickup by designated carrier on designated date(s). Maintain security of all materials.

- f. Ensure requirements for embargoed final assessment results are followed.

E. Technology Coordinator

1. Ensure that district is prepared for online test administration and provide technical support to district staff.
2. Acquire all necessary user identifications and passwords.
3. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
4. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.
5. Attend district training and any service provider technology training.
6. Review, use, and be familiar with all service provider technical documentation.
7. Prepare computers and devices for online testing.
8. Confirm site readiness.
9. Provide all necessary accessories for testing, technical support/troubleshooting during test administration and contact service provider help desks as needed.

F. Test Monitor

1. Responsibilities before testing.
 - a. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
 - b. Attend trainings related to test administration and security.
 - c. Complete required training course(s) for tests administering.
 - d. Be knowledgeable about how to contact the school assessment coordinator during testing, where to pick up materials on day of test, and plan for securing test materials between test sessions.
 - e. Be knowledgeable regarding student accommodations.
 - f. Remove or cover any instructional posters or visual materials in the testing room.
2. Responsibilities on testing day(s).

- a. Before test.
 - (1) Receive and maintain security of test materials.
 - (2) Verify that all test materials are received.
 - (3) Ensure proper number of computers/devices or paper accommodated test materials are present.
 - (4) Verify student testing tickets and appropriate allowable materials.
 - (5) Assign numbered test books to individual students.
 - (6) Complete information as directed.
 - (7) Record extra test materials.

- b. During test.
 - (1) Verify that students are logged in and taking the correct test or using the correct grade-level and tier test booklet for students with paper accommodated test materials.
 - (2) Follow all directions and scripts exactly.
 - (3) Follow procedures for restricting student access to cell phones and other electronic devices, including wearable electronic devices.
 - (4) Stay in testing room and remain attentive during entire test session. Practice active monitoring by circulating throughout the room during testing.
 - (5) Be knowledgeable about responding to emergency or unusual circumstances and technology issues.
 - (6) Do not review, discuss, capture, email, post, or share test content in any format.
 - (7) Ensure all students have been provided the opportunity to independently demonstrate their knowledge.
 - (8) Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.
 - (9) Document the students who tested with the test monitor and any other adult(s) who were present in the testing room (e.g., staff providing assistance, paraprofessionals, etc.).

- (10) Document students who require a scribe or translated directions or any unusual circumstances and report to school assessment coordinator.
 - (11) Report any possible security breaches as soon as possible.
- c. After test.
- (1) Follow directions and scripts exactly.
 - (2) Collect all materials and keep secure after each session. Upon completion return to the school assessment coordinator.
 - (3) Immediately report any missing test materials to the school assessment coordinator.

G. MTAS Test Administrator

1. Before testing.
 - a. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
 - b. Attend trainings related to test administration and security.
 - c. Complete required training course(s) for tests administering.
 - d. Be knowledgeable as to when and where to pick up MTAS materials and the school's plan for keeping test materials secure.
 - e. Prepare test materials for administration, including objects and manipulatives, special instructions, and specific adaptations for each student.
2. Responsibility on testing day(s).
 - a. Before the test.
 - (1) Maintain security of materials.
 - (2) Confirm appropriate MTAS materials are available and prepared for student.
 - b. During the test.
 - (1) Administer each task to each student and record the score.

- (2) Be knowledgeable about how to contact the district or school assessment coordinator, if necessary, and responding to emergency and unusual circumstances.
 - (3) Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.
 - (4) Document and report and unusual circumstances to district or school assessment coordinator.
- c. After the test.
- (1) Keep materials secure.
 - (2) Return all materials.
 - (3) Return objects and manipulatives to classroom.
 - (4) Enter MTAS scores online or return data collection forms to the district or school assessment coordinator.

H. MARSS Coordinator

- 1. Responsibilities before testing.
 - a. Confirm all eligible students have unique state student identification (SSID) or MARSS numbers.
 - b. Ensure English language and special education designations are current and correct for students testing based on those designations.
 - c. Submit MARSS data on an ongoing basis to ensure accurate student demographic and enrollment information.
- 2. Responsibilities after testing.
 - a. Ensure accurate enrollment of students in schools during the accountability windows.
 - b. Ensure MARSS identifying characteristics are correct, especially for any student not taking an accountability test.
 - c. Work with district assessment coordinator to edit discrepancies during the Post-test Edit window in Test WES.

I. Any Person with Access to Test Materials

Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.

IV. TEST SECURITY

- A. Test Security Procedures will be adopted by school district administration.
- B. Students will be informed of the following:
 - 1. The importance of test security;
 - 2. Expectation that students will keep test content secure;
 - 3. Expectation that students will act with honesty and integrity during test administration;
 - 4. Expectation that students will not access cell phones, wearable technology (e.g., smart watches, fitness trackers), or other devices that can electronically send or receive information. The test of a student who wears a device during testing must be invalidated.

If a student completes testing and then accesses a cell phone or other prohibited device (including wearable technology), the school district must take further action to determine if the test should be invalidated, rather than automatically invalidating the test.
 - 5. Availability of the online Test Security Tip Line on the MDE website for reporting suspected incidents of cheating or other improper or unethical behavior.
- C. Staff will be informed of the following:
 - 1. Availability of the online Test Security Tip Line on the MDE website for reporting suspected incidents of cheating or other improper or unethical behavior.
 - 2. Other contact information and options for reporting security concerns.

V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR PROGRAM AUDIT

- A. The school district shall maintain records necessary for program audits conducted by MDE. The records must include documentation consisting of the following:
 - 1. Signed *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure* forms must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic year in which the testing took place.
 - 2. School district security checklists provided in the test materials shipment must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
 - 3. School security checklists provided in the test materials shipment must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.

4. Test Monitor Test Materials Security Checklist provided for each group of students assigned to a test monitor must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
5. School district test monitor tracking documentation must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic year in which the tracking took place.
6. ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Packing List and Security Checklist provided in the test materials shipment must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
7. Documentation of school district staff training on test administration and test security must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
8. *Test Security Notification* must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
9. *Test Administration Report* must be maintained for one year after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
10. Record of staff trainings and test-specific trainings must be maintained for one year after the end of the academic year in which testing took place.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 13.34 (Examination Data)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.30 (Statewide Testing and Reporting System)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.36, Subd. 2 (Adequate Yearly Progress)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Graduation Standards – Mathematics and Reading) (repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, § 22)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Graduation Standards – Written Composition) (repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, § 22)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0640-3501.0655 (Academic Standards for Language Arts)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Academic Standards for Mathematics)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0800-3501.0815 (Academic Standards for the Arts)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0900-3501.0955 (Academic Standards in Science)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1000-3501.1190 (Graduation-Required Assessment for Diploma) (repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, § 22)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social Studies)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1400-3501.1410 (Academic Standards for Physical Education)
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (Every Student Succeeds Act)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and
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Instruction Goals)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 615 (Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)

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ASSURANCE OF TEST SECURITY AND NON-DISCLOSURE

Effective for school year: _____

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) is required by state statute to implement statewide testing programs. Test security must be maintained to provide an equal opportunity to all students to demonstrate their academic achievement and to ensure the validity of test scores and the integrity of state assessments. Failure to maintain test security jeopardizes district and state accountability requirements and the accuracy of student, school, district, and state data. Test scores are included in important decisions about students' future success, and it is essential that they reflect the truth about what students know and can do. This form must be signed prior to access to any secure test content or restricted material(s).

All test content and restricted material(s), whether in draft or final form, are considered secure, and only authorized persons are permitted to have access to them. Authorized persons:

- Are administrators, educators, staff, or other persons designated by the district who have a role in storing, distributing, coordinating, or administering tests.
- Have received appropriate training to fulfill their assigned roles.
- Have signed this agreement.

Responsibilities of authorized persons who may potentially interact with secure test content and data are outlined in the *Procedures Manual of the Minnesota Assessments* (hereafter *Procedures Manual*). By signing this form, you agree to the following assurances:

- As required for my role in the administration of the statewide testing program, I am responsible for understanding relevant information contained in the current year's *Procedures Manual* and directions for test administration. I will abide by policies and procedures detailed in the manuals for statewide test administration.
- As required for my role, I am or will be trained in the administration policies and procedures for statewide tests before participating in any part of statewide test administration.
- As required for my role, I will instruct staff on state and district procedures for maintaining test security and will not allow unauthorized persons to distribute, coordinate, or administer tests, or have access to secure test content and materials.
- As required for my role, I will follow the procedures in the *Procedures Manual* to investigate and notify the appropriate school and district staff or the MDE immediately upon learning of potential misconduct or irregularities, whether intentional or unintentional.
- I understand that MDE has the responsibility to oversee the administration of the statewide tests, and I will cooperate fully with MDE representatives conducting site visits.
- I understand that test data and documents that contain student-level information are considered confidential and secure. I will follow all applicable federal and state data privacy laws related to student educational data, including data within reports and data accessible in electronic systems provided by MDE or its service provider(s).
- I understand my responsibility to enforce proper testing procedures and to ensure the security and confidential integrity of the test(s). I will apply and follow procedures designed to keep test content secure and to ensure the validity of test results, including, but not limited to:
 - Recognizing the rights of students and families to accurate test results that reflect students' individual, unassisted achievement.
 - Protecting the confidentiality of statewide assessments and ensuring the validity of students' results by safeguarding secure test content, keeping test materials in a secure area, and adhering to chain of custody requirements.
 - Never retaining secure test materials in my custody beyond the allowed times to process, distribute, coordinate, administer, and return them, as appropriate for my role.
 - Ensuring that no part of the paper or online tests are outlined, summarized, paraphrased, discussed, released, distributed to unauthorized personnel, printed, reproduced, copied, photographed, recorded, or retained in original or duplicated format, without the explicit permission of MDE or as authorized in the *Procedures Manual*.
 - Never permitting or engaging in the unauthorized use of a student's MARSS or Secure Student

Identification Number (SSID) to log in to the online testing system or access an online test.

- Never engaging in, or allowing others to engage in, unauthorized viewing, discussion, or analysis of test items before, during, or after testing.
- Actively monitoring students during test administration for prohibited behavior.
- Never leaving students unattended during test administration or under the supervision of unauthorized staff or volunteers.
- Never providing students with answers to secure test items, suggesting how to respond to secure test items, or influencing student responses to secure test items. Prohibited actions include, but are not limited to, providing clues or hints; providing reminders of content or testing strategies, prompting students to correct or check/recheck specific responses; permitting access to curricular materials (e.g., textbooks, notes, review materials, bulletin boards, posters, charts, maps, timelines, etc.); or using voice inflection, facial gestures, pointing, gesturing, tapping, or other actions to indicate a response or accuracy of a student's response.
- Never formally or informally scoring secure tests or individual test items except as required by the test-specific manuals and directions. Prohibited actions include, but are not limited to, creating an answer key; reviewing or scoring a student's item response or responses unless items are designed to be scored by the test administrator using a rubric or script; retaining, reviewing, or scoring student scratch paper or accommodated test materials; or tracking student performance on test items.
- Never altering or engaging in other prohibited involvement with student responses.
- Never inducing or encouraging others to violate the procedures outlined above or to engage in any conduct that jeopardizes test security or the validity of test scores.

By accepting the terms of this agreement, you name yourself as an employee of the School District (District) or as an authorized person selected by the District and affirm that you are authorized by the District during the current academic school year to have access to secure test materials or student data related to statewide test administrations and hereby agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement.

Failure to follow procedures can lead to the invalidation of students' tests. Consequences for violating the terms of this agreement may result in a complaint filed with the local School Board, the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, or the Board of School Administrators for evaluation and investigation. The findings of the appropriate Board may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination and/or loss of license.

Signature

Date

Name (printed)

Work Telephone

School Name

Email Address

District Name

TEST ADMINISTRATION REPORT (TAR)

District Name/Number: _____
 School Name/Number: _____
 Date: _____ Printed Name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Test: _____

Subject (if applicable): Mathematics Reading Science

The Test Administration Report is used for recording situations where something unusual or unexpected happened during testing (see examples below). If an adult was involved (e.g., translator), include the adult’s name, signature, and relationship to the student. Attach additional sheets to this form as needed.

For all Minnesota Assessments, districts are not required to return a Test Administration Report. However, districts must maintain records for one year after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place for program audits or monitoring conducted by MDE or to answer questions when reports are received. If completed by the School Assessment Coordinator, a copy of the report should be forwarded to the District Assessment Coordinator.

Name of Student	Gr.	MARSS# (13 digits)	Explanation and/or Name and Signature

Examples of events to be documented in this report:

- A student engages in inappropriate behavior or action, including cheating, that results in the invalidation of tests.
- A student is administered the incorrect assessment or accommodation.
- A student uses a calculator when a calculator is not allowed.
- A student refuses to take an assessment, requiring the assessment to be invalidated.
- The district uses a translator to translate test directions to an English learner.
- District staff enters a student’s MCA responses or a student’s MTAS scores online.

Districts may also choose to document any students who experienced technical issues during online testing that affected their testing experience.

DISTRICT TEST SECURITY PROCEDURES
Independent School District No. _____, _____, Minnesota
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I. PREPARATION FOR TEST SECURITY DURING TEST ADMINISTRATION

A. Roles and Responsibilities

1. _____ will be responsible for ensuring completion of *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure* each year by all staff involved with test administration.
2. _____ will be responsible for reviewing the specific requirements staff agreed to in the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure* prior to spring testing (especially if the assurance was completed in the fall).
3. _____ will be responsible for training the Test Monitors and Test Administrators prior to the test administration. Annual training for Test Monitors and Test Administrators must include training on test administration policies and procedures and test security and be documented and kept on file at the district.
 - a) Review of Test Security Training. Test Monitor responsibilities, *Test Monitor and Student Directions*, and any special instructions for a particular test given.
 - b) Review of required test-specific trainings, such as the Online Test Monitor Certification Course and MTAS Training for Test Administrators.
 - c) Discuss what active monitoring of the test session involves and the school district's expectations for Test Monitors.
 - d) Review of district policies and procedures for situations that may arise during test administration in order to maintain test security, including:
 - (1) Who will answer questions from staff involved in test administration and how staff will ask questions without leaving students unmonitored.
 - (2) What the process is for contacting others for assistance if a problem arises during the testing so active monitoring can continue.
 - (3) Who Test Monitors should contact in case of emergency.
 - (4) Ensuring students get to the correct rooms for test administration.
 - (5) Ensuring students do not use cell phones or other electronic devices.
 - (6) Breaks for use of the restroom or other interruptions during testing:

- (a) What to do if a student reports an error or technical issue with a test item.
 - (b) What to do if an individual student or the Test Monitor becomes ill or needs to leave during testing.
 - (c) What to do if an entire group of students needs to leave during testing (e.g., emergency situation, fire drill).
 - (d) What individual students will do when finished testing.
 - (7) Remind staff that all test materials are secure and cannot be reproduced or shared in any form.
4. _____ will ensure that students are reminded of the importance of test security (including the expectation that students will keep test content secure and act with honesty and integrity during test administration).
 5. _____ will ensure that all guidelines referenced in applicable procedures manuals are followed in terms of what materials are allowed during test administration, calculator use guidelines, what help a Test Monitor can give, covering instructional materials in the classroom, and setup of computer labs and testing rooms.
 6. _____ is responsible for tracking devices/computers used by students.
 7. _____ is responsible for conducting on-site monitoring of test administrations within the district.
 8. _____ is responsible for determining the process for how all secure test materials for online and paper administrations will be kept secure before, during, and after testing, including when and how all secure test materials are returned between testing sessions and once testing is completed.
 - a) _____ is responsible for reminding staff of the district process for communicating potential security breaches within the school and to the District Assessment Coordinator, as well as providing information on the MDE tip line as an additional option for reporting security concerns.

II. BREACHES IN TEST SECURITY

Any concern that test security may have been breached must be reported to the District Assessment Coordinator who will notify MDE within 24 hours of the time notice of the alleged breach was received and submit the *Test Security Notification* in Test WES within 48 hours of notice of the alleged breach.

III. CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR SECURE TEST MATERIALS

A. Receipt and Organization of Secure Test Materials

1. Persons with access to the secured area, inventory materials, and complete security checklists are _____. Persons with access to secure online testing systems, student testing tickets, and student scratch paper are _____.
2. Paper test materials are shipped to district or school as determined by _____. If delivered to the school district, the process for distributing secure test materials to the school(s) will be completed by _____.
3. _____ will be immediately informed that secure test materials have arrived and will secure all materials in a pre-determined secure locked location.
4. _____ will inventory materials immediately using the securing checklists. Any discrepancies will be reported immediately to _____. Security checklists are maintained by the school district for two years following the end of the school year that the tests are administered.
5. _____ organizes test materials for each Test Monitor and Test Administrator, including *Test Monitor/Test Materials Security Checklists*, student testing tickets, and scratch paper.
6. Test materials for online and paper administrations will be kept in _____, a secure locked location, until the time of distribution.
7. If students are taking the tests on multiple days, the building plan for keeping test materials (including student login information and any materials used as scratch paper) secure between test sessions includes _____.

B. Distribution of Materials to Test Monitors or Test Administrators and Test Administration

1. The procedure for the distribution of all test materials for online administrations to the Test Monitors and Test Administrators will be _____. Discrepancies in materials will be reported immediately to _____.
2. The procedure for the distribution of any paper test materials to the Test Monitors and Test Administrators will be _____. Discrepancies in materials will be reported immediately to _____.

3. Upon the receipt of materials, the Test Monitor will ensure that all test materials listed on the *Test Monitor Test Materials Security Checklist* and any other materials provided (e.g., student testing tickets, scratch paper) are accounted for prior to handing out the test materials to the students. Any discrepancies will be reported immediately to _____.
4. The Test Monitor is responsible for the test materials during the test administration until their return to _____.

C. Return of Materials

1. The Test Monitor and Test Administrator will return all test materials (including student testing tickets and any material used as scratch paper) to _____ immediately after testing. If Test Monitors and Test Administrators will keep test materials in between testing sessions, they must keep them in _____, a locked secure location.
2. If not kept by Test Monitors and Test Administrators, _____ will keep all test materials secure until distributed for the next test session.
3. Student testing tickets and any materials used as scratch paper will be securely destroyed at the end of test administration by _____ no more than 48 hours after the close of the testing window.
4. *Test Monitor Test Materials Security Checklists* for paper test materials will be signed by the Test Monitor indicating that all materials have been returned once testing is completed. The *Test Monitor Test Materials Security Checklists* will be returned to _____.
5. When the test materials are returned to _____, they will again be inventoried and kept in _____, a secure locked location, until returned to the district office (if applicable) or shipped back to the service provider.
6. _____ will prepare the materials for their return to the district office (if applicable) or for shipment to the service provider according to return instructions in the applicable assessment manual.
7. _____ will follow instructions provided in the applicable assessment manual for the return shipping of test materials.

