
DISTRICT TEST SECURITY PROCEDURES

Independent School District No. 227
Chatfield Minnesota
School Year 2018-2019

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.