

TESTING PROGRAMS
STATE ASSESSMENT

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POLICY FOR END-OF-DAY TESTING The district is not required to extend testing beyond the regular school day, but the district may choose to do so. The KISD standard for concluding TAKS state assessments on regular school days will be no later than 5:30 PM.
In extenuating circumstances, a student may continue TAKS testing beyond this guideline at the discretion of the campus principal or principal's designee.

POLICY FOR CELL PHONE USE DURING TESTING Districts are required to develop a policy for cell phone and electronics use that serves their needs while preserving the security and integrity of the state testing program.

In KISD, the use of cell phones and electronic devices during testing is not permitted for the following reasons:

1. Making or receiving calls disrupts the testing environment by disturbing other students.
2. Making or receiving calls could compromise the confidentiality of the test.
3. The applications and features of cell phones and other electronic devices could be used for cheating or to compromise the confidentiality of the test.

POLICY FOR TELPAS RATING SUPPORT AND VERIFICATION To ensure the validity and reliability of the TELPAS rating process, districts are required to implement one or more rating support and verification procedures for every campus with TELPAS rated students.

KISD Procedures for Rating Support and Verification in ALL LANGUAGE DOMAINS, K-12, and WRITING, 2-12:

1. Raters collaborate with other teachers of the students in determining the students' ratings. (The other teachers may or may not be Raters.)
2. Raters collaborate with each other in determining the ratings of students near the border between proficiency levels.
3. Raters who are unsuccessful on the required Calibration Set(s) will receive supplemental rating support from district providers before attempting their third and final Calibration Set. Those Raters who fail to calibrate on the third and final Calibration Set will determine students' ratings by collaborating with qualified calibrated Raters (District and Campus Coordinator Manual, p.T-26). Documentation of collaboration is required, and it must be retained by the Campus Test Coordinator in the Campus Test Security Folder for five years. Second ratings or further resolution ratings may also be used when a tie-breaker is needed. Again, documentation is required as prescribed above.
4. An audit of at least one-fifth of the student writing collections will be conducted on each KISD campus to assure the validity and reliability of the ratings. In addition, the KISD District Test Coordinator will audit at least one-tenth of the writing collections at the district level. The second Rater is required to sign on the official TELPAS Rating Roster.