

Six Common Questions about Test Security for Statewide Assessments

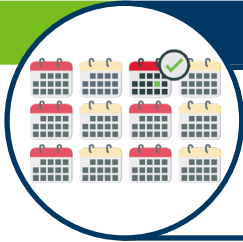
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Why test security is not just for Test Monitors

Anyone who is involved with statewide assessments in any manner can impact test security. For example, staff setting up technology, receiving boxes of secure test materials, or having key access all must be trained to avoid unintentional security violations.

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Why test security training is required every year

Because statewide assessments happen only once a year, it is critical for everyone, even staff who have completed the training in the past, to review the most current test security requirements each school year.

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Why materials on walls and desks need to be covered or removed

Materials must be removed or covered to make sure students are not able to access support or help. For example, a poster of the solar system could help a student who has a reading passage about astronauts.

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Why Test Monitors are required to read the scripted test directions

Scripted directions are used for consistency across the state. If an assessment is given in the same way, we can be confident that results mean the same statewide.

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Why students who finished on the first day of testing cannot be in the room on the second day

This requirement is meant to reduce distractions and pressure to finish for other students still testing. It also helps to make sure test security is maintained.

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Why Bluetooth technology cannot be used during testing

Bluetooth headphones and other Bluetooth wearable devices have the ability to connect to and receive information from several devices without the knowledge of the Test Monitor, which is a risk for test security. Using wired headphones is consistent with other national assessments and policies.