

Ben Hill County School District

Test Security Guiding Principles

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The primary goal of any assessment security is to protect the integrity of the assessment and to assure that the results are accurate and meaningful. To ensure test security in Ben Hill County is upheld the following guiding principles are as follows...

1. All assessments are an important and required tool to monitor student growth for instruction as well as state, district, and school student achievement results.
2. The primary goal of assessment security is to protect the integrity of the assessment and to ensure that results are accurate and meaningful.
3. For assessments to yield fair, accurate, and valid results, they must be administered under the same standardized conditions to all students.

Any action that compromises test security or leads to the invalidation of an individual student's or a group of students' test scores will be viewed by Ben Hill County School District as inappropriate. Under no circumstances may any tests be reproduced or duplicated for individual or group use unless authorized by Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). Failure to comply with the U.S. Copyright Laws protecting these materials could result in legal action. Any instance of violation of copyright laws must be reported immediately to the GaDOE. Guidelines are in place to assist system personnel in determining which activities might compromise test security or score validity. Any concern regarding test security must be reported to the Assessment Office of Ben Hill County Schools immediately.

Consequences for Violating Test Security

Failure to safeguard test materials or to comply with test administration procedures could adversely affect an individual's certification status. If this were to occur, Ben Hill County Schools would submit the incident to the GaDOE. Additionally, the GaDOE may instruct the Ben Hill County School System to refer the incident to the Educators Ethics Division of the Professional Standards Commission as failure to adhere to established policies and Procedures.

Contact Information

For additional information pertaining to Ben Hill County Schools District's Assessment and Accountability obligation, please contact Dr. Lisa Stone, Testing and Assessment Director, at (229) 409 - 5500

The above information is in accordance with the Georgia Department of Education's Student Assessment Handbook.