

Prohibited Items Guidance

Students may not access any personal belongings or materials that could provide an unfair advantage or allow test content to be recorded, photographed, or removed from the testing environment.

Unless a student has a College Board–approved accommodation, the following items are prohibited during testing and breaks:

- Phones, smartwatches, smart glasses, or other electronic devices (other than the testing device)
- Detachable privacy screens
- External keyboards used with laptops or Chromebooks (except when used with a Windows tablet)
- Notes, books, or reference materials (Translated test directions and word-to-word dictionaries are permitted for students receiving English Learner (EL) supports)
- Scratch paper not provided by the proctor
- Headphones, earbuds, or earplugs
 - Exceptions apply for approved assistive technology accommodations; headphones are required for students using text-to-speech or screen readers
- Cameras, recording devices, or separate timing devices

Guidance for Confiscated or Prohibited Items

If a student is found in possession of a prohibited device during testing **or** breaks, the response depends on whether there is a concern that the device was used to access or share test content.

No Security Concern Identified

If the proctor and school coordinator determine that the student did not use the device to gain an unfair testing advantage:

- The student must immediately stop testing and be dismissed from the testing room.
- An irregularity report requesting a retest may be submitted.
- If approved, the student may retest on a later date once the irregularity is processed and a new assessment is provisioned in Bluebook.

Security Concern Identified

If there is reason to believe the prohibited device was used to access, capture, or share secure test content:

- The student must be immediately dismissed from the testing room.
- A no-retest irregularity report must be submitted.