

STANDARDIZED TESTING/TEST ADMINISTRATION

AR 6162.5(a)

Note: The following procedures are based on regulations adopted by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for the administration of the standards-based tests, the English language proficiency assessment, and the college and career readiness assessment. 06.765, 06.700 and 06.717. The Department has established uniform test administration requirements for all statewide assessments, including provisions for test security. 4 AAC 06.761, 06.765. The Department will provide each test coordinator, associate test coordinator, proctor and test administrator a test security agreement which must be signed affirming that the testing procedures of the Department and the test publisher will be followed. The test security and test administration provisions are applicable to all state required assessments. A certificated employee who breaches test security is subject to investigation and adjudication by the Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

Test Center:

The Superintendent or designee shall identify a school test center(s) where all state required assessments shall be administered, as required by state regulation or the Department. The test center must be well lighted, secure, free of disruptions, and have an established seating arrangement. Only designated district test coordinators, associate coordinators, proctors or test administrators may be in the test center rooms during student testing.

District Test Coordinator and Testing Personnel:

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a certificated employee of the district to be the test coordinator. If more than one test center is required, an on-site associate test coordinator will also be designated for each test center. The test coordinator or associate coordinator is responsible for assigning as many test administrators or test proctors to each test center as necessary to ensure adequate supervision or monitoring of students. Test proctors must hold an Alaska teacher certificate. No teacher may be assigned to proctor the exam if the teacher's classroom students are taking the exam. Enough proctors must be assigned to ensure adequate supervision of the testing process with a minimum of one test proctor for each 30 examinees.

District personnel responsible for test administration shall:

1. Annually execute a test security agreement prepared by the Department affirming the employee's obligation to follow required procedures for test security and administration;
2. Provide training in test procedures to all district staff involved in testing as directed by the Department, and ensure staff completes the training; and
3. Ensure that all district staff involved in testing read and follow testing procedures and manuals published by the test publisher.

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Test Security:

Each test booklet and test administration manual must be accounted for from the time the materials arrive at the district until the time the materials are returned to the test publisher. All district staff shall maintain the security and confidentiality of electronic test data files, individual student reports, and other testing reports designated as secure.

In ensuring test security, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Inventory and track the test materials;
2. Securely store the materials before and after their distribution to school test centers;
3. Control the distribution of the tests to and from the test centers;
4. Control the storage, distribution, administration, and collection of tests at the test center;
5. Ensure that no student or other individual receives a copy of the test, or learns of a specific test question or item, before the time and date of testing, unless knowledge of the question or item is necessary for delivery of accommodations; and
6. Ensure that no test or test question is copied in any manner, whether on paper or by electronic means.
7. Require that staff members administering tests supervise students during the testing period, and require that those staff members do not access electronic devices during the testing period except as necessary to administer the test.

Test Administration

The following measures shall be taken before and during test administration by the Superintendent or designee and by those individuals supervising the testing process:

1. Prior to administering the tests, code the tests according to test administration directions;
2. Ensure that examinees use only those reference materials allowed by the test publisher's testing procedures;
3. Ensure that examinees do not exchange information during a test, except when specified by the test procedure;
4. Ensure that an examinee's answer is not altered after testing is completed;
5. Ensure that no test or test question is copied, reproduced, or paraphrased in any manner by an examinee or anyone else; and
6. Ensure that no examinee is assisted in responding to, or review of, specific test questions or items before, during, or after a test session.

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Breach of Test Security

District personnel in charge of testing shall immediately report any breach of test security to the Department. A certificated employee who breaches test security is subject to investigation and action by the Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

Note: If a student's IEP requires a modification that violates test security, the modification will be provided only if it does not affect test security for other students. A modification that violates test security results in an invalid assessment. 4 AAC 06.765.

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