

C275 Test Security Provisions for Statewide Assessments

It is the intent of the Board that all staff comply with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) regarding test security of the statewide assessments and the Indiana Assessments Policy Manual.

Testing Schedule

The School Corporation will ensure a testing schedule is established prior to the start of the testing window. The schedule should include the assessment name, testing dates and times, applicable grade levels, content areas, and testing room locations.

Security and Access of Test Materials

Upon receipt, the Corporation Test Coordinator (CTC) shall ensure all test materials are stored at a central location under lock and key. Secure test materials should not be delivered to school buildings more than one week (preferably less) in advance of test administration. Teachers and other staff members shall not access secure materials more than 4 hours in advance of test administration.

The CTC shall establish procedures to ensure student assessments are secure when they are not being administered. Such procedures shall also ensure only appropriate staff have access to test administration materials prior to the administration of the test. Further, no staff shall review any secure test questions before, during, or after the assessment administration. Such procedures shall also provide a method for teachers, administrators, students, parents, and other community members to voice their concerns about practices they consider inappropriate. All complaints of inappropriate testing practices or testing irregularities will be investigated according to the *Protocol for Reporting and Investigating Alleged Breaches* as established and published pursuant to 511 IAC 5-5-4.

Staff Training

All appropriate staff shall receive test administration and Test Security and Integrity Training prior to testing. Such training shall include knowledge of the *Code of Ethical Practices and Procedures*, security, administration, and handling of assessments while in staff possession. Test Security and Integrity Training must be completed by every staff member no later than September 30th of each school year. Prior to the beginning of each testing window, test administrators and Proctors shall complete test administration training, test accommodation training, and a refresher test security training.

Staff members providing students with testing accommodations as per a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), Individual Learning Plan (ILP), Section 504 Plan and/or nonpublic school Service Plan shall receive focused training on providing such accommodations prior to testing. And steps shall be taken to ensure such staff members are familiar with each student's individual needs pursuant to their IEPs, ILPs, Section 504 Plans and/or Service Plans.

The School Corporation shall also provide any other information and professional development necessary to ensure that all appropriate staff have the knowledge and skills necessary to make ethical decisions related to preparing, administering, and interpreting assessments.

Monitoring

The School Corporation shall monitor testing to ensure staff are administering assessments with fidelity in administration, security procedures/protocols, and to ensure staff are appropriately providing students with accommodations included in their IEPs, ILPs, Section 504 Plans and/or Service Plans.

Reports and Investigations

Teachers, administrators, students, parents, and other community members may report concerns about testing practices they consider inappropriate to the CTC. The CTC shall investigate any complaint, allegation, or concern about inappropriate testing practices, and ensure protection of both the rights of individuals and the integrity of the assessment. The investigation will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Reports of potential inappropriate testing practices or testing irregularities shall be immediately made to the IDOE Office of Student Assessment.
- B. The Director of Student Services shall work with the IDOE Office of Student Assessment to take appropriate next steps consistent with the IDOE's Protocol for Reporting and Investigating Alleged Assessment Breaches.

Annual Communications

At least annually, the Corporation shall communicate the following to Corporation staff:

- A. The standards for determining ethical and appropriate practices contained in the *Code of Ethical Practices and Procedures*^[A1] and local standards;
- B. The method of school administration monitoring of staff implementation of test administration and security standards;
- C. All security procedures established for each assessment; and
- D. The procedures for reviewing practices and materials used to prepare students for testing.

Review of Procedures

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish an annual process for reviewing the Corporation's practices and materials related to:

- A. Preparing students for assessments;
- B. Administering assessments;
- C. Securing assessments; and
- D. Interpreting results from assessments.

The Corporation's review shall take into consideration the appropriateness of any materials and compliance with test security protocols.

Related Forms:

C275-E1 Testing Security and Integrity Agreement

C275-E2 Testing Irregularity and Report Form

C275-E3 Testing Concerns and Security Violations Report

Indiana Assessments Policy Manual

Protocol for Reporting and Investigating Alleged Assessment Breaches

511 IAC 5-5-4

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[A1]The “Code” is a 5 page document published by the IDOE and located here:
<https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/assessment/2019-2020-code-ethical-practices-and-procedures-final.pdf>