

COMMON FAQs REGARDING TESTING ETHICS

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CANYONS
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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What are Canyons Standardized Assessments?

State Required Tests are Not Listed

Elementary	Middle	High School
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Reminder to Canyons Educators

*The State
Board of
Education
testing ethics
practices apply
to ALL Canyons
standardized
assessments.*



- Remember to:
 - follow **all instructions** for administering district assessments.
 - urge students to work hard and do their best!
 - utilize district assessments to inform instruction and monitor student progress.
 - provide accommodations to eligible students, as identified by an ELL, IEP, or 504 team.
 - actively proctor the tests by walking around the room to make sure that each student has appropriate testing materials and are progressing at an appropriate pace
 - provide parents information on how to understand and interpret student results.

Reminders to All Educators

Opt Out/Parental Exclusion

- Can I talk to my students about Opting Out of statewide assessments?
 - ✓ No. If a student asks you about Opting Out of a statewide assessment simply refer them to the main office to get the information for their parent/guardian.
 - ✓ It is unethical for a teacher to encourage a student to opt out of testing.
 - ✓ It is important to have an inclusive assessment that is reflective of the entire student body.



Reminders to All Educators

Can I explain what the question is asking on a state test?

- ✓ No. If your students have started work on the end-of-year state testing (i.e., RISE/ACT Aspire Plus) then the time to prepare students on navigating items has passed.

Can I touch the mouse or point to the screen to assist a student during online testing?

- ✓ No. Please do not touch your students' screen or the mouse during the test. Again, we encourage you to proctor practice tests in advance of live testing.



Reminders to All Educators

Can I take a photograph of my students taking a state test?

- ✓ No. Please do not do this. According to state policy, teachers may not “reproduce, or distribute, in whole or in part, secure test content.

What should I do if I notice a student quickly giving answers without reading the test questions?

- ✓ In this instance, you can direct students in a general manner to slow down and carefully read each test question before answering. Active test proctoring is the key to avoiding these situations.

