

# 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Acadience</li> <li>* District-Wide Standards-Based Benchmarks -DWSBA</li> <li>* Reading Inventory</li> <li>* Grade 5 Keyboarding Assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Reading Inventory/Read 180</li> <li>* District-Wide Standards-Based Benchmarks -DWSBA</li> <li>* Math Inventory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Reading Inventory/Read180</li> <li>* Math Inventory (for select courses)</li> <li>* District-Wide Standards-Based Benchmarks -DWSBA</li> <li>* AAPPL Testing for World Language Students (for select classes)</li> </ul>



# 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.



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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.



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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.

