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Test Administration Assurance for 2017-2018 – PUBLIC LEA Assurance for Proper and Ethical Test Administration

ADMINISTRATION OF TESTS

In the administration of standardized tests, it is a violation of test security to do any of the following:

1. Provide inappropriate test preparation such as any of the following:
 - a. Copy, reproduce, or use in any manner any portion of any secure materials, for any reason.
 - b. **Share an actual test instrument in any form. This includes using old copies of the Iowa Assessments (including the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills or Iowa Tests of Educational Development) and the I-ELDA (Iowa English Language Development Assessment).**
 - c. Use test preparation materials or strategies developed specifically for annual progress reporting.
2. Deviate from the test administration procedures specified in the test examiner's manual.
3. Provide inappropriate assistance to students during the test administration.
4. Make test answers available to students.
5. Change, suggest, or fill in answers on student answer documents.
6. Provide inaccurate data on student answer documents.
7. Engage in any practice to artificially raise student scores without actually improving underlying student achievement.
8. Participate in, direct aid, counsel, assist, encourage, or fail to report any of the acts prohibited in this policy.

After testing is completed, test materials are to be returned or destroyed according to procedures outlined by individual testing programs. Districts should retain "Chain of Custody" documentation as evidence.

If test booklets are needed to carry out study of item analyses by staff, separate requests must be made to the individual testing programs, and proper procedures for custody and security must be adhered to.

CONSEQUENCES OF TEST ADMINISTRATION VIOLATIONS

If a violation of test administration protocol occurs, as determined by the superintendent following an investigation of allegations of irregularities, the superintendent shall determine whether the integrity of the testing program has been jeopardized, whether some or all of the test results are invalidated, and whether a teacher or administrator has violated the Code of Ethics of the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners as found at 282—Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 25.

Reports of students cheating on assessments shall be submitted to the building principal for investigation and disciplinary procedures.

A staff member found to have committed testing irregularities shall be subject to discipline in accordance with law and Board policy. If the staff member is a licensee of the Board of Educational Examiners, the superintendent shall make a timely report to that Board.

If the superintendent believes that assessment results are invalid, the superintendent shall make a timely report to the Iowa Department of Education.

Building Principal's Assurance

I, _____, Principal of _____ School,
(Building principal's Name) (Name of School)

assure that proper testing procedures and administration for assessments used to meet the reporting requirements are followed in my school building. I will take appropriate steps outlined above if district staff does not adhere to these guidelines and notify the Iowa Department of Education.

Principal's Signature

Date