

What you Need to Know Proposed Changes to the DC Test Integrity Act



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State (OSSE) Responsibilities

Topic	Old 2013 Test Integrity Act	New 2015 Amendment
Test Integrity Standards	No set time in which OSSE must issue test integrity standards for training.	OSSE must issue test integrity standards <i>45 days prior</i> to the start of the first assessment of the school year.
Attendance	Attendance records at test integrity training not required.	Attendance records at test integrity training required.
School plan approval	No set time in which OSSE must approve a school's test security plan.	OSSE must approve a school's test plan <i>at least 5 days prior</i> to testing.
Incident privacy	No explicit requirement for OSSE to work with the LEAs to preserve the privacy of affected parties of a security incident.	OSSE must collaborate with LEAs to preserve the privacy of affected parties of a security incident.

LEA Responsibilities

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Test plan	LEAs submit to OSSE an <i>LEA level</i> test security plan <i>90 days prior</i> to the administration of Districtwide assessments	LEAs submit to OSSE a <i>school level</i> test security plan for each school under the LEA's control <i>at least 15</i> days before the administration of Districtwide assessments
Test integrity and security agreements	All authorized personnel must sign agreement acknowledging that they understand that knowingly and willingly violating law, regulation and/or plans could result in sanctions	Notification statement (<i>without the signature requirement</i>) must be distributed by the LEAs to all authorized personnel informing them of the consequences for knowingly and willingly violating law, regulation or test security plan

Prohibited Activities

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Secure materials	"Secure materials" not defined	"Secure materials" is defined to include materials that <i>might contain or provide access</i> to assessment content
Violations	Prohibitions (A-J) automatically considered violations For list of A-J: http://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/publication/attachments/Final%20TI%20ACT%202013-Washington D C -2013-B20-0109-Enrolled.pdf	Prohibitions (A-J) may not be automatically considered violations if "the action is limited to supporting students to stay on task and focused, per test instructions, manuals, or OSSE guidance, and does not impact the content of students' answers."

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Topic	Old 2013 Test Integrity Act	New 2015 Amendment
Electronics	Use of cell phones, unapproved electronics, or computer devices during the administration of a Districtwide assessment prohibited	Under certain circumstances, the authorized use of cell phones and computer devices is not prohibited ;
Definition	Lack of clarity regarding the Act's applicability to all state assessments	The Act is applicable only to those assessments that are used for accountability purposes

Test Integrity Amendment

Thank you for your questions and comments regarding the Testing Integrity Amendment Act of 2015. A public hearing was held on July 6, 2015.

- For more information, please click here <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B21-0239?FromSearchResults=true>
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