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## Employment Background Checks

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### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe and healthful environment in the school district in order to promote the physical, social, and psychological well-being of its students. To that end, the school district will seek a criminal history background check for applicants who receive an offer of employment with the school district and on all individuals, except enrolled student volunteers, who are offered the opportunity to provide athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services to the school district, regardless of whether any compensation is paid, or such other background checks as provided by this policy. The school district will seek a criminal history background check on certain volunteer positions which may require contact with students and (Prior NB change) may also elect to do background checks of other volunteers, independent contractors, and student employees in the school district.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school district shall require that applicants for school district positions who receive an offer of employment and all individuals, except enrolled student volunteers, who are offered the opportunity to provide athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services to the school district, regardless of whether any compensation is paid, submit to a criminal history background check. The offer of employment or the opportunity to provide services shall be conditioned upon a determination by the school district that an individual's criminal history does not preclude the individual from employment with, or provision of services to, the school district.
- B. The school district shall require that individuals who apply to volunteer in positions that may place the individual in direct contact with students during the school day submit to a criminal history background check. Background checks shall be required for individuals who volunteer to provide services including, but not limited to, field trip supervision, assistance in community education activities and classroom events such as class parties. Background checks shall not be required for individuals who volunteer to provide services outside of the normal school day and/or at public events including, but not limited to, assistance at school carnivals or supervision or assistance at extracurricular activities. The opportunity to provide volunteer services where a background check is required shall be conditioned upon a determination by the school district that an individual's criminal history does not preclude the individual from volunteering or providing services to the school district. (Prior NB change)
- C. The school district specifically reserves any and all rights it may have to conduct background checks regarding current employees, applicants, or service providers without the consent of such individuals.
- D. Adherence to this policy by the school district shall in no way limit the school district's right to require additional information, or to use procedures currently in place or other procedures to gain additional background information concerning employees, applicants, volunteers, service providers, independent contractors, and student employees.

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#### III. PROCEDURES

- A. Normally an individual will not commence employment or provide services until the school district receives the results of the criminal history background check. The school district may conditionally hire an applicant or allow an individual to provide services pending completion of the background check, but shall notify the individual that the individual's employment or opportunity to provide services may be terminated based on the result of the background check. Background checks will be performed by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). The BCA shall conduct the background check by retrieving criminal history data as defined in organizations or agencies selected by the District that comply with Minn. Stat. § Minnesota Statutes section 13.87. The school district reserves the right to also have criminal history background checks conducted by other organizations or agencies. (NB change)
- B. In order for an individual to be eligible for employment or to provide athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services to the school district, except for an enrolled student volunteer, the individual must sign a criminal history consent form, which provides permission for the school district to conduct a criminal history background check, ~~and provide a money order or check payable to either the BCA or to the school district, at the election of the school district, in an amount equal to the actual cost to the BCA and the school district of conducting the criminal history background check. (NB change)~~ The cost of the criminal history background check is the responsibility of the individual, unless the school district decides to pay the costs ~~for a volunteer, an independent contractor, or a student employee. (NB change)~~ If the individual fails to provide the school district with a signed Informed Consent Form and fee at the time the individual receives a job offer, or permission to provide services, the individual will be considered to have voluntarily withdrawn the application for employment or request to provide services.
- C. The school district, in its discretion, may elect not to request a criminal history background check on an individual who holds an initial entrance license issued by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or the ~~Minnesota Ce~~ommissioner of ~~Ee~~ducation within the 12 months preceding an offer of employment or permission to provide services.
- D. The school district may use the results of a criminal background check conducted at the request of another school hiring authority if:
1. the results of the criminal background check are on file with the other school hiring authority or otherwise accessible;
  2. the other school hiring authority conducted a criminal background check within the previous 12 months;
  3. the individual executes a written consent form giving the school district access to the results of the check; and

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4. there is no reason to believe that the individual has committed an act subsequent to the check that would disqualify the individual for employment or provision of services.
- E. In order for an individual to be eligible to volunteer and have student contact, the individual must complete a ~~Mail Pass-Visitor-Management-System~~ background check at school district expense, prior to performing volunteer services. The School District, in its discretion, may elect not to request a criminal history background check on a volunteer but, instead, may use the results of a criminal history background check conducted at the request of an employer or other entity if:
1. the criminal history background check was conducted by the BCA or another reputable organization or entity approved by the school district;
  2. the results of the criminal background check are on file with the individual's employer or other entity or otherwise accessible;
  3. the employer or other entity conducted a criminal background check within the previous 12 months;
  4. the individual executes a written consent form giving the school district access to the results of the check; and
  5. there is no reason to believe that the individual has committed an act subsequent to the check that would disqualify the individual from providing services. (Prior NB change)
- F. For all non-state residents who are offered employment with or the opportunity to provide athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services to the school district, the school district shall request a criminal history background check ~~on such individuals from the superintendent of the BCA and from the government agency performing the same function in the resident state or, if no government entity performs the same function in the resident state, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. (NB change)~~ The offer of employment or the opportunity to provide services shall be conditioned upon a determination by the school district that an individual's criminal history does not preclude the individual from employment with, or provision of services to, the school district. Such individuals must provide an executed criminal history consent form.
- G. When required, individuals must provide fingerprints to assist in a criminal history background check. If the fingerprints provided by the individual are unusable, the individual will be required to submit another set of prints.
- H. Copies of this policy shall be available in the school district's employment office and will be distributed to applicants for employment and individuals who are offered the opportunity to provide athletic coaching services or other extracurricular academic coaching services upon request. The need to submit to a criminal history background check may be included with the basic criteria for employment or provision of services in the position posting and position advertisements.

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- I. The individual will be informed of the results of the criminal background check(s) to the extent required by law.
- J. If the criminal history background check precludes employment with, or provision of services to, the school district, the individual will be so advised.
- K. The school district may apply these procedures to other volunteers, independent contractors, or student employees **other than those specified in this policy.** (Prior NB change)
- L. At the beginning of each school year or when a student enrolls, the school district will notify parents and guardians about this policy and identify those positions subject to a background check and the extent of the school district's discretion in requiring a background check. The school district may include this notice in its student handbook, a school policy guide, or other similar communication. A form notice for this purpose is included with this policy.

#### IV. CRIMINAL HISTORY CONSENT FORM

A form to obtain consent for a criminal history background check is included with this policy.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 13.04, Subd. 4 (**Rights of Subjects of Data Inaccurate or Incomplete Data**)  
Minn. Stat. § 13.87, Subd. 1 (Criminal **Justice History** Data)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.03 (Background Check)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 299C.60-299C.64 (Minnesota Child, **Elder, and Individuals with Disabilities** Protection Background Check Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 364.09(b) (Exception for School Districts)

**Cross References:** **None**

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MSBA/MASA Model Policy 516.5  
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## 516.5 OVERDOSE MEDICATION

***[Note: School districts are not required to adopt a policy on the use of emergency drugs for the treatment of drug-related overdoses. School districts and their employees are legally permitted to purchase, store, and administer Naloxone (Narcan) in response to an opiate overdose in schools and those who do assist with such administration are immune from civil liability as well as exempt from criminal prosecution from possession, use, etc. of a prescription medication, particularly to an individual to whom it was not prescribed. The provisions of this policy outline the requirements of the law with respect to the use of Naloxone (Narcan) in schools.]***

### I. PURPOSE

As a means of enhancing the health and safety of its students, staff and visitors, the school district will acquire, administer, and store doses of an opiate antagonist, specifically Naloxone (Narcan), and administration devices or kits for emergency use to assist a student, staff member, or other individual believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose on school district property during the school day or at school district activities.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board authorizes school district administration to obtain and possess opioid overdose reversal medication, such as Naloxone to be maintained and administered to a student or other individual by trained school staff if the staff member determines in good faith that the person to whom the medication is administered is experiencing an opioid overdose. Authorization for obtaining, possessing and administering Naloxone or similar permissible medications under this policy are contingent upon: 1) the continued validity of state and federal law that permit a person who is not a healthcare professional to dispense an opiate antagonist to the school district and its employees by law; 2) that the school district and its staff are immune from criminal prosecution and not otherwise liable for civil damages for administering the opiate antagonist to another person who the staff member believes in good faith to be suffering from a drug overdose; and 3) the availability of funding either from outside sources or as approved by the school board to obtain and administer opioid overdose reversal medication.

### III. DEFINITIONS

- A. **"Drug-related overdose"** means an acute condition, including mania, hysteria, extreme physical illness, respiratory depression or coma, resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled substance, or another substance with which a controlled substance was combined, and that a layperson would reasonably believe to be a drug overdose that requires immediate medical assistance.
- B. **"Naloxone Coordinator"** is a school district staff person or administrator appointed to monitor adherence to protocols outlined in this policy and referenced procedures. The Naloxone Coordinator is responsible for building-level administration and management of Opiate Antagonist medications and supplies. The school district's Naloxone Coordinator is [insert title of staff person appointed as coordinator].
- C. **"Opiate"** means any dangerous substance having an addiction forming or addiction

sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction forming or addiction sustaining liability.

- D. **“Opiate Antagonist”** means naloxone hydrochloride (“Naloxone”) or any similarly acting drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a drug overdose.
- E. **“Standing Order”** means directions from the school district’s medical provider that sets forth how to house and administer Naloxone or other Opiate Antagonist medications to students, staff members or other individuals believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose. This Standing Order should include the following information:
  - 1. Administration type
  - 2. Dosage
  - 3. Date of issuance
  - 4. Signature of the authorized provider

#### **IV. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. District Collaborative Planning and Implementation Team

To the extent Naloxone is obtained for use consistent with this policy, the school district will establish a district-wide collaborative planning and implementation team (“District Planning Team”) who will oversee the general development and operations related to the use of opiate antagonist Naloxone and regularly report to the school board as to its activities.

- 1. The District Planning Team will include the Naloxone Coordinator and may include the superintendent (or designee), school nurse, public health experts, first responders, student or family representatives, and community partners who will be assigned to the Team by the superintendent or designee or solicited as volunteers by the superintendent.
- 2. The District Planning Team, through the Naloxone Coordinator, will obtain a protocol or Standing Order from a licensed medical prescriber for the use of Naloxone or other Opiate Antagonist by school district staff in all school facilities and activities and will update or renew the protocol or Standing Order annually or as otherwise required. A copy of the protocol or Standing Order will be maintained in the office of the Naloxone Coordinator.
- 3. The District Planning Team will develop district-wide guidelines and procedures and determine the form(s) of Naloxone to be used within the school district (nasal, auto injector, manual injector) and the method and manner of arranging for the financing and purchasing, storage and use of Naloxone to be approved by the school board. Once approved by the school board, these guidelines and procedures will be attached and incorporated into this policy. At a minimum, these guidelines and procedures will:
  - a. Ensure that when Naloxone is administered, school district employees must activate the community emergency response system (911) to ensure additional medical support due to the limited temporary effect of

Naloxone and the continued need of recipients of additional medical care;

- b. Require school district employees to contact a school district healthcare professional to obtain medical assistance for the recipient of the Naloxone, if possible, pending arrival of emergency personnel;
- c. Direct school district employees to make immediate attempts to determine if the recipient is a minor and, if so, locate the identity of the parent or guardian of the minor and ensure contact with that parent or guardian is made as soon as possible after administration of the Naloxone for the purpose of informing the parent or guardian of the actions that have been taken; and
- d. Require school district staff to inform the building administrator or other administrator overseeing an event or activity of the administration of Naloxone, as well as the Naloxone Coordinator, after taking necessary immediate emergency steps.

- 4. The District Planning Team will determine the type and method of annual training, identify staff members at each school site to be trained and coordinate the implementation of the training with the assistance of the Naloxone Coordinator.

B. Site Planning Teams

- 1. In consultation with the District Planning Team, the administrator at each school site may establish, in the manner the superintendent or Naloxone Coordinator deems appropriate, a Site Planning Team within the school site.
- 2. The Site Planning Team will be responsible for the coordination and implementation of this policy, district-wide guidelines and procedures within the school site and will develop and implement any specific guidelines and procedure for the storage and use of Naloxone within the school site in a manner consistent with this policy and district wide procedures and guidelines.

C. School District Staff

School district staff members will be responsible for attending all required training pertaining to the policy, procedures and guidelines for the storage and use of Naloxone and performing any assigned responsibilities pursuant to the guidelines and procedures.

**V. NALOXONE STORAGE**

- A. The Site Planning Team will select numerous Naloxone storage locations within the school site and outside the school site when activities are conducted off school grounds (i.e., transportation services, field trips, etc.).

***[Note: School districts may decide that Naloxone will not be sent on field trips, transportation or activities that occur outside of the typical school day or off school property and may modify this statement accordingly. If Naloxone is provided during these auxiliary activities, schools should ensure that it is only provided if there is an available trained staff member to administer it and that the medication can be safely and legally stored and transported.]***

- B. The selected storage locations of Naloxone will be classified as non-public "security information" as the school board has determined that the disclosure of this data to the general public would be likely to substantially jeopardize the security of the medication that could be subject to theft, tampering, and improper use. Therefore, the identity of the storage locations will be shared only with those school district staff members whom the District Planning Team or Site Team have determined need access to this information to aid public health and safety as determined in the procedures and guidelines.
- C. Stock Naloxone will be clearly labeled, monitored for expiration dates, and stored in a secured location that is accessible by trained staff as set forth in paragraph V.B.

**VI. Privacy Protections**

The school district will maintain the privacy of students and staff related to the administration of Naloxone as required by law.

- Legal References:**
- Minn. Stat. § 13.32 (Educational Data)
  - Minn. Stat. § 13.43 (Personnel Data)
  - Minn. Stat. § 13.37 (General Nonpublic Data)
  - Minn. Stat. § 121A.21 (School Health Services)
  - Minn. Stat. § 121A.22 (Administration of Drugs and Medicine)
  - Minn. Stat. § 144.344 (Emergency Treatment)
  - Minn. Stat. § 151.37 (Legend Drugs; Who May Prescribe, Possess)
  - Minn. Stat. § 152.01 (Definitions)
  - Minn. Stat. § 152.02 (Schedules of Controlled Substances)
  - Minn. Stat. § 152.212 (Labeling of Prescription Drug Containers)
  - Minn. Stat. § 604A.01 (Good Samaritan Law)
  - Minn. Stat. § 604A.015 (School Bus Driver Immunity from Liability)
  - Minn. Stat. § 604A.04 (Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention)
  - Minn. Stat. § 604A.05 (Good Samaritan Overdose Medical Assistance)
  - Minn. R. Pt. 6800.4220 (Schedule II Controlled Substances)
  - 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational and Privacy Rights)

- Cross Reference:**
- MSBA/MASA Model Policy 516 (Student Medication)
  - Minnesota Department of Health Toolkit on the Administration of Naloxone

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<sup>i</sup> Naloxone is the medication that reverses an opioid overdose. Narcan® is the brand name for the intranasal applicator (nasal spray) form of naloxone. Naloxone usually refers to an intramuscular (IN+M) naloxone form that comes in a vial and is administered with a syringe, normally dispensed as an "IM kit."

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## 614 SCHOOL DISTRICT TESTING PLAN AND PROCEDURE

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the school district's testing plan and procedure.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school district is to implement procedures for testing, test security, documentation, and record keeping.

### III. DUTIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL REGARDING TEST ADMINISTRATION

***[Note: This listing of school personnel may not be consistent with the personnel in the school district and, consequently, should be amended to reflect the personnel with responsibility for testing in the particular school district.]***

#### A. Superintendent

1. Responsibilities before testing.
  - a. Designate a district assessment coordinator and district technology coordinator.
  - b. The superintendent, or a designee who has been authorized to be the identified official with authority by the school board, pre-authorizes staff access for applicable Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) secure systems.
  - c. Annually review and recertify staff who have access to MDE secure systems.
  - d. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.

***[Note: This form is available on the Minnesota PearsonAccess Next website—see Cross References for website address included in the 614 Form file of the Policy Reference Manual.]***

- e. Establish a culture of academic integrity.
- f. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS) audits during testing.
- g. Ensure student information is current and accurate.
- h. Ensure that a current district test security procedure is in place and that all relevant staff have been provided district training on test administration and test security.
- i. Ensure that a current process is included for tracking which students tested with which test monitors and any other adult(s) who were present

in the testing room (e.g., staff providing assistance, paraprofessionals, etc.).

- j. Confirm the district assessment coordinator has current information and training specific to test security and the administration of statewide assessments.
- k. Confirm the district assessment coordinator completes Pre-test Editing in the Test Web Edit System (WES).
- l. Post on the school district website the complete Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing form.

2. Responsibilities after testing.

- a. Confirm the district assessment coordinator and Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS) coordinator complete Post-test Editing in Test WES.
- b. Verify with the district assessment coordinator that all test security issues have been reported to MDE and are being addressed.
- c. Confirm the MARSS coordinator has updated all student records for Post-test Editing.
- d. Confirm the district assessment coordinator has finalized the district's assessment information prior to the close of Post-test Editing in Test WES.
- e. Confirm the district assessment coordinator, or designee, has access to the Graduation Requirements Records (GRR) system and enters necessary information.
- f. Discuss assessment results with the district assessment coordinator and school administrators.

B. District Assessment Coordinator

1. Responsibilities before testing.

- a. Serve as primary contact with MDE regarding policy and procedure questions related to test administration.
- b. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
- c. Confirm all staff who handle test materials, administer tests, or have access to secure test content have completed the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
  - (1) Maintain the completed *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure* for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
- d. Review with all staff the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure* and their responsibilities thereunder.
- e. Identify appropriate tests for students and ensure student data sent to service providers for testing are correct.
- f. Establish district testing schedule within the testing windows specified by the MDE and service providers.

- g. Prepare testing conditions, including user access to service provider websites, preparing readiness for online testing, preparing a plan for tracking which students test on which computers or devices, ensure accommodations are indicated as necessary, providing students with opportunity to become familiar with test format, item types, and tools prior to test administration; establishing process for inventorying and distributing secure test materials where necessary; preparing procedures for expected and unexpected situations occurring during testing; planning for addressing technical issues while testing; identify staff who will enter student responses from paper accommodated test materials and scores from MTAS administration online.
  - h. Train school assessment coordinators, test monitors, MTAS test administrators, and ACCESS (test for English language learners) and Alternate ACCESS test administrators.
    - (1) Provide training on proper test administration and test security (Pearson's Training Management System).
    - (2) Verify staff complete any and all test-specific training.
  - i. Maintain security of test content, test materials, and record of all staff involved.
    - (1) Receive secure paper test materials from the service provider and immediately lock them in a previously identified secure area, inventory same, and contact service provider with any discrepancies.
    - (2) Organize secure test materials for online administrations and keep them secure.
    - (3) Define chain of custody for providing test materials to test monitors and administrators. The chain of custody must address the process for providing test materials on the day of testing, distributing test materials to and collecting test materials from students at the time of testing, keeping test materials secure between testing sessions, and returning test materials after testing is completed.
  - j. Confirm that all students have appropriate test materials.
2. Responsibilities on testing day(s).
- a. Conduct random, unannounced visits to testing rooms to observe staff adherence to test security and policies and procedures.
  - b. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.
  - c. Contact the MDE assessment contact within 24 hours of a security breach and submit the *Test Security Notification* in Test WES within 48 hours.
  - d. Address invalidations and test or accountability codes.
3. Responsibilities after testing.
- a. Ensure that student responses from paper accommodated test materials and MTAS scores are entered.

- b. Arrange for secure disposal of all test materials that are not required to be returned within 48 hours after the close of the testing window.
- c. Return secure test materials as outlined in applicable manuals and resources.
- d. Collect security documents and maintain them for two years from the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
- e. Review student assessment data and resolve any issues.
- f. Distribute Individual Student Reports no later than fall parent/teacher conferences.
- g. Enter Graduation Requirements Records in the GRR system.

C. School Principal

- 1. Responsibilities before testing.
  - a. Designate a school assessment coordinator and technology coordinator for the building.
  - b. Be knowledgeable about proper test administration and test security as outlined in manuals and directions.
  - c. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
  - d. Communicate the importance of test security and expectation that staff will keep test content secure and act with honesty and integrity during test administration.
  - e. Provide adequate secure storage space for secure test materials before, during, and after testing until they are returned to the service provider or securely disposed of.
  - f. Ensure adequate computers and/or devices are available and rooms are appropriately set up for online testing.
  - g. Verify that all test monitors and test administrators receive proper training for test administration.
  - h. Ensure students taking specified tests have opportunity to become familiar with test format, item types, and tools prior to test administration.
  - i. Include the complete Parent/Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing form in the student handbook.
- 2. Responsibilities on testing day(s).
  - a. Ensure that test administration policies and procedures and test security requirements in all manuals and directions are followed.
  - b. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.

3. Responsibilities after testing.
  - a. Ensure all secure test materials are collected, returned, and/or disposed of securely as required in any manual.
  - b. Ensure requirements for embargoed final assessment results are followed.

D. School Assessment Coordinator

1. Responsibilities before testing.
  - a. Implement test administration and test security policies and procedures.
  - b. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
  - c. Ensure all staff who handle test materials, administer tests, or have access to secure test content read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
  - d. Identify appropriate tests for students and ensure student data sent to service providers for testing are correct.
  - e. Prepare testing conditions, including the following: schedule rooms and computer labs; arrange for test monitors and administrators; arrange for additional staff to assist with unexpected situations; arrange for technology staff to assist with technical issues; develop a plan for tracking which students test on which computers or devices; plan seating arrangements for students; ensure preparations are completed for Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA), Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA), and ACCESS online testing; ensure accommodations are properly reported; confirm how secure paper test materials will arrive and quantities to expect; address accommodations and specific test administration procedures; determine staff who will enter the student responses from paper accommodated test materials and scores from MTAS administrations online.
  - f. Train staff, including all state-provided training materials, policies and procedures, and test-specific training.
  - g. Maintain security of test content and test materials.
    - (1) Receive secure paper test materials from the service provider and immediately lock them in a previously identified secure area, inventory same, and contact service provider with any discrepancies.
    - (2) Organize secure test materials for online administrations and keep them secure.
    - (3) Follow chain of custody for providing test materials to test monitors and administrators. The chain of custody must address the process for providing test materials on the day of testing, distributing test materials to and collecting test materials from students at the time of testing, keeping test materials secure between testing sessions, and returning test materials after testing is completed.
    - (4) Identify need for additional test materials to district assessment coordinator.

- (5) Provide MTAS student data collection forms if necessary.
- (6) Distribute applicable ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS *Test Administrator Scripts* and *Test Administration Manuals* to test administrators so they can become familiar with the script and prepare for test administration.
- (7) Confirm that all students taking ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS have appropriate test materials and preprinted student information on the label is accurate.

2. Responsibilities on testing day(s).

- a. Distribute materials to test monitors and ACCESS test administrators and ensure security of test materials between testing sessions and that district procedures are followed.
- b. Ensure *Test Monitor and Student Directions* and *Test Administrator Scripts* are followed and answer questions regarding same.
- c. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits, as applicable.
- d. Conduct random, unannounced visits to testing rooms to observe staff adherence to test security and test administration policies and procedures.
- e. Report testing irregularities to district assessment coordinator using the *Test Administration Report*.

**[Note: This form is available on the Minnesota PearsonAccess Next website—see Cross References for website address. Note: This form is included in the 614 Form file of the Policy Reference Manual.]**

- f. Report security breaches to the district assessment coordinator as soon as possible.

3. Responsibilities after testing.

- a. Ensure that all paper test materials are kept locked and secure and security checklists completed.
- b. Ensure that student responses from paper accommodated test materials and MTAS scores are entered.
- c. Arrange for secure disposal of all test materials that are not required to be returned within 48 hours after the close of the testing window.
- d. Return secure test materials as outlined in applicable manuals and resources.
- e. Prepare materials for pickup by designated carrier on designated date(s). Maintain security of all materials.
- f. Ensure requirements for embargoed final assessment results are followed.

E. Technology Coordinator

1. Ensure that district is prepared for online test administration and provide technical support to district staff.
2. Acquire all necessary user identifications and passwords.
3. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
4. Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.
5. Attend district training and any service provider technology training.
6. Review, use, and be familiar with all service provider technical documentation.
7. Prepare computers and devices for online testing.
8. Confirm site readiness.
9. Provide all necessary accessories for testing, technical support/troubleshooting during test administration and contact service provider help desks as needed.

F. Test Monitor

1. Responsibilities before testing.
  - a. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
  - b. Attend trainings related to test administration and security.
  - c. Complete required training course(s) for tests administering.
  - d. Be knowledgeable about how to contact the school assessment coordinator during testing, where to pick up materials on day of test, and plan for securing test materials between test sessions.
  - e. Be knowledgeable regarding student accommodations.
  - f. Remove or cover any instructional posters or visual materials in the testing room.
2. Responsibilities on testing day(s).
  - a. Before test.
    - (1) Receive and maintain security of test materials.
    - (2) Verify that all test materials are received.
    - (3) Ensure proper number of computers/devices or paper accommodated test materials are present.
    - (4) Verify student testing tickets and appropriate allowable materials.
    - (5) Assign numbered test books to individual students.
    - (6) Complete information as directed.
    - (7) Record extra test materials.

- b. During test.
  - (1) Verify that students are logged in and taking the correct test or using the correct grade-level and tier test booklet for students with paper accommodated test materials.
  - (2) Follow all directions and scripts exactly.
  - (3) Follow procedures for restricting student access to cell phones and other electronic devices, including wearable electronic devices.
  - (4) Stay in testing room and remain attentive during entire test session. Practice active monitoring by circulating throughout the room during testing.  
  
***[Note: School districts may allow test monitors to use their cell phones only to alert other staff of issues. If allowed, the school district should train the test monitors on proper and improper use.]***
  - (5) Be knowledgeable about responding to emergency or unusual circumstances and technology issues.
  - (6) Do not review, discuss, capture, email, post, or share test content in any format.
  - (7) Ensure all students have been provided the opportunity to independently demonstrate their knowledge.
  - (8) Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.
  - (9) Document the students who tested with the test monitor and any other adult(s) who were present in the testing room (e.g., staff providing assistance, paraprofessionals, etc.).
  - (10) Document students who require a scribe or translated directions or any unusual circumstances and report to school assessment coordinator.
  - (11) Report any possible security breaches as soon as possible.
- c. After test.
  - (1) Follow directions and scripts exactly.
  - (2) Collect all materials and keep secure after each session. Upon completion return to the school assessment coordinator.
  - (3) Immediately report any missing test materials to the school assessment coordinator.

G. MTAS Test Administrator

- 1. Before testing.
  - a. Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.
  - b. Attend trainings related to test administration and security.

- c. Complete required training course(s) for tests administering.
  - d. Be knowledgeable as to when and where to pick up MTAS materials and the school's plan for keeping test materials secure.
  - e. Prepare test materials for administration, including objects and manipulatives, special instructions, and specific adaptations for each student.
2. Responsibility on testing day(s).
- a. Before the test.
    - (1) Maintain security of materials.
    - (2) Confirm appropriate MTAS materials are available and prepared for student.
  - b. During the test.
    - (1) Administer each task to each student and record the score.
    - (2) Be knowledgeable about how to contact the district or school assessment coordinator, if necessary, and responding to emergency and unusual circumstances.
    - (3) Fully cooperate with MDE representatives conducting site visits or MTAS audits.
    - (4) Document and report and unusual circumstances to district or school assessment coordinator.
  - c. After the test.
    - (1) Keep materials secure.
    - (2) Return all materials.
    - (3) Return objects and manipulatives to classroom.
    - (4) Enter MTAS scores online or return data collection forms to the district or school assessment coordinator.

H. MARSS Coordinator

- 1. Responsibilities before testing.
  - a. Confirm all eligible students have unique state student identification (SSID) or MARSS numbers.
  - b. Ensure English language and special education designations are current and correct for students testing based on those designations.
  - c. Submit MARSS data on an ongoing basis to ensure accurate student demographic and enrollment information.
- 2. Responsibilities after testing.
  - a. Ensure accurate enrollment of students in schools during the accountability windows.

- b. Ensure MARSS identifying characteristics are correct, especially for any student not taking an accountability test.
- c. Work with district assessment coordinator to edit discrepancies during the Post-test Edit window in Test WES.

I. Any Person with Access to Test Materials

Read and complete the *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure*.

**IV. TEST SECURITY**

- A. Test Security Procedures will be adopted by school district administration.

**[Note: This form is available on the Minnesota PearsonAccess Next website—see Cross References for website address. Note: A sample procedure that has been approved by MDE is included in the 614 Form file of the Policy Reference Manual.]**

- B. Students will be informed of the following:

- 1. The importance of test security;
- 2. Expectation that students will keep test content secure;
- 3. Expectation that students will act with honesty and integrity during test administration;
- 4. Expectation that students will not access cell phones, wearable technology (e.g., smart watches, fitness trackers), or other devices that can electronically send or receive information. The test of a student who wears a device during testing must be invalidated.

If a student completes testing and then accesses a cell phone or other prohibited device (including wearable technology), the school district must take further action to determine if the test should be invalidated, rather than automatically invalidating the test.

- 5. Availability of the online Test Security Tip Line on the MDE website for reporting suspected incidents of cheating or other improper or unethical behavior.

- C. Staff will be informed of the following:

- 1. Availability of the online Test Security Tip Line on the MDE website for reporting suspected incidents of cheating or other improper or unethical behavior.
- 2. Other contact information and options for reporting security concerns.

**V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR PROGRAM AUDIT**

- A. The school district shall maintain records necessary for program audits conducted by MDE. The records must include documentation consisting of the following:

- 1. Signed *Assurance of Test Security and Non-Disclosure* forms must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic year in which the testing took place.
- 2. School district security checklists provided in the test materials shipment must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.

3. School security checklists provided in the test materials shipment must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
4. Test Monitor Test Materials Security Checklist provided for each group of students assigned to a test monitor must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
5. School district test monitor tracking documentation must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic year in which the tracking took place.
6. ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS Packing List and Security Checklist provided in the test materials shipment must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
7. Documentation of school district staff training on test administration and test security must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
8. *Test Security Notification* must be maintained for two years after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
9. *Test Administration Report* must be maintained for one year after the end of the academic school year in which testing took place.
10. Record of staff trainings and test-specific trainings must be maintained for one year after the end of the academic year in which testing took place.

**Legal References:**

Minn. Stat. § 13.34 (Examination Data)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process [for Reviewing Curriculum Instruction, and Student Achievement; Striving for the World’s Best Workforce](#))  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.30 (Statewide Testing and Reporting System)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.36, Subd. 2 ([School Accountability](#)) ~~Adequate Yearly Progress~~  
~~Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Graduation Standards – Mathematics and Reading) (repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, 22)~~  
~~Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-2501.0290 (Graduation Standards – Written Composition) (repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, 22)~~  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0640-3501.0655 (Academic Standards for Language Arts)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Academic Standards for Mathematics)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.082 ~~00-3501.0815~~ (Academic Standards for the Arts)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0900-3501.0955 (Academic Standards in Science)  
~~Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1000 – 3501.1190 (graduation Required Assessment for Diploma) (repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, 22)~~  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social Studies)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1400-3501.1410 (Academic Standards for Physical Education)  
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (Every Student Succeeds Act)

**Cross References:**

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 615 (Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)  
[Minnesota PearsonAccess Next Resources and Forms:](#)

| <http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/policies-and-procedures/>