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# Local and State Assessment Training

## Student Learning Outcomes

# Purpose of Assessments

- ▶ Measure the level of student achievement of state-adopted curriculum
- ▶ Identify students failing to achieve mastery of content
- ▶ Provide teachers with diagnostic information
- ▶ Assist the school system in identifying strengths and areas of improvements to establish priorities in planning education programs

Occurrences that violate test security will risk damage to test integrity and could result in the invalidation of the systems assessment data.

# Assessment Beliefs (page 3)

- ▶ Assessment is an on-going, spiraling data driven process that guides instruction
- ▶ Assessment quality is more important than quantity
- ▶ Assessments insure that students have a clear understanding of what they have learned and why
- ▶ Assessment is aligned and integrated with curriculum
- ▶ Assessment is essential to achieve student and teacher accountability
- ▶ Assessment promotes greater learning and growth through differentiated yet respectful tasks
- ▶ Assessments need to have breadth, depth and rigor
- ▶ Assessments should include opportunities for student self-reflection
- ▶ Assessments are a form of communication

Any action that compromises test security or leads to the invalidation of an individual student's or a group of students assessment scores will be viewed by the Putnam County Charter School System as inappropriate use or handling of test and will be treated as such.

# Test Security Breach

- ▶ Coaching Students
- ▶ Students access to questions
- ▶ Copies of test for study guides
- ▶ Answers made available
- ▶ Read or review test questions before, during or after testing
- ▶ Question students about content after administration
- ▶ No following security during distribution

# Test Security Breach continued

- ▶ Handling of documents other than for testing
- ▶ Failure to follow administration directions
- ▶ Failure to properly secure and safeguard pass codes/ usernames
- ▶ Participates, directs, aids counsels, assists, encourages or fails to report any of these prohibited acts
- ▶ Erases or alters responses

Failure to safeguard assessment materials or to comply with test administration procedures could adversely affect an individual's certification status.



# Test Irregularities

- ▶ All personnel will follow protocol if aware of testing irregularities
- ▶ Security breaches and testing irregularities can have long-reaching impact on students, schools and systems, as well as personnel
- ▶ Any signs of testing irregularity require immediate attention
- ▶ Steps for Reporting Irregularity on Page 6 – 7

Standardized testing has become a basic component of accountability for students, teachers, administrators, schools and school systems in Georgia and other states. Communities rely on their schools' assessment and standardized scores to determine the success of their schools and to compare them to other communities.

Putnam County Charter School System relies on local and state-mandated assessments as a key component of the local and state accountability program as well as using the test results to fulfill national requirements for educational accountability. For reliable and valid reporting, tests must be administered fairly and ethically.