

2019 PSSA Test Security Certification

(District Assessment Coordinator)



District: _____

School: _____

AUN: _____

Maintaining the security and integrity of all assessment materials, preventing any dishonest or fraudulent behavior in the administration and handling of the assessment, and promoting a fair and equitable testing environment are essential in order to obtain reliable and valid student scores. In that regard, I certify the following:

Prior to the administration of the assessment, all individuals involved in the handling of assessment materials and/or the administration of the assessment received instruction regarding test security protocols and procedures. Additionally, prior to the administration of the assessment, any individual who administered and/or proctored the assessment completed the Pennsylvania State Test Administration Training and all School Assessment Coordinators were trained on the Test Accountability and Security information contained in the *Handbook for Assessment Coordinators*. Furthermore, prior to the administration of the assessment, all individuals involved in the handling and/or administration of the assessment and all individuals who had access to any assessment materials were informed that the assessment materials are secure, confidential, and proprietary documents owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. These individuals were made aware that they were neither to review, discuss, disseminate, describe, or otherwise reveal the contents of the assessment to anyone nor were they to remove any assessment materials from the school building. They were also made aware that they were not to keep, copy, reproduce, release, or use any assessment, assessment question, specific assessment content, or examinee response to any item or any section of the secure assessment in any manner that is inconsistent with the instructions provided by or through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Prior to the administration of the assessment, all individuals involved in the handling and/or administration of the assessment received instruction that all assessment materials, including all assessment booklets and other materials containing secure assessment questions and student responses, were to be kept secure and precisely accounted for in accordance with the procedures specified in the *Handbook for Assessment Coordinators*. Further, prior to the administration of the assessment, all individuals who assisted in the administration of the assessment and all individuals who had access to the secure assessment materials were made aware that they were not to in any manner alter or cause the alteration of any examinee response, assessment booklet, or papers used by examinees.

All assessment materials received from DRC have been used and secured in accordance with the directions contained in the *Handbook for Assessment Coordinators*.

I have not reviewed, discussed, disseminated, described, or otherwise revealed the contents of the assessment to anyone. I am not aware that any individual has reviewed, discussed, disseminated, described, or otherwise revealed the contents of the assessment to anyone. I have neither removed any assessment materials from the school building unless I was specifically authorized to administer the assessment to a student on homebound instruction nor am I aware that any individual has removed any assessment materials from the school building unless specifically authorized to administer the assessment to a student on homebound instruction.

I have not kept, copied, reproduced, released, or used any assessment, assessment question, specific assessment content, or examinee response to any item or any section of the secure assessment in any manner that is inconsistent with the instructions provided by or through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. I am not aware that any individual has kept, copied, reproduced, released, or used any assessment, assessment question, specific assessment content, or examinee response to any item or any section of the secure assessment in any manner that is inconsistent with the instructions provided by or through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. I have neither provided any examinee with an answer to an assessment question or in any way influenced an examinee's response to any assessment question nor am I aware that any individual has provided any examinee with an answer to an assessment question or in any way influenced an examinee's response to any assessment question. I have not in any manner altered or caused the alteration of any examinee response, assessment booklet, or papers used by examinees. I am not aware that any other individual has altered or has caused to have altered any examinee response in any manner.

I understand that I am responsible for the secure administration of the assessment in my school district and for the return of all secure assessment material that was received from DRC and that any breach in assessment security could result in the invalidation of assessment results, professional discipline, and/or criminal prosecution.

I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904.

Assessment Coordinator Name

Assessment Coordinator Signature

Date of Signature