

HCS D Written Notice Concerning Testing

Dear Parents and Students,

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 389.620, Humboldt County School District is required to inform you about specific requirements regarding testing and possible consequences for failure to follow these rules. It is important to note that all staff is also held to these standards and consequences for staff who fail to follow the testing guidelines can result in loss of licensure and termination. This mandatory notification is a smaller component of the HCS D Testing Guidelines Policies and Professional Expectations 2014-15 document which can be found on the district website at www.humboldt.k12.nv.us.

For students who will be testing the rules are very similar to a regular school day. First, students must follow directions as presented by the test administrator. This includes leaving cell phones and other electronic devices outside of the testing room or turning them off and allowing staff to collect them during the test. The only material a student may need to bring is a picture ID especially at the secondary level so that staff can ensure they are presenting the right test to the correct student. All other materials will be provided.

During the test, students need to focus and work hard. This is for their benefit but also for other students who are working to limit distractions. With no required materials other than an ID, students will have no reason to be in backpacks, pockets or anywhere other than their assigned seat for the duration of the test. Students must refrain from any behavior that disrupts other students or may appear to be cheating.

In the event these rules are not followed, there will be state and school consequences. From the state level, any behavior that disrupts or is seen as cheating will result in the student's test being invalidated. This simply means they will fail the test or tests they are currently taking. Not only will no score be given, students at the high school level lose the opportunity to pass one of the mandatory tests for graduation. At the school level, administrators will evaluate each situation and act appropriately. This can range from onsite discipline all the way to suspension or expulsion depending on the severity of the offense.

There are many changes coming into place this year and in the upcoming years in regards to how we test and the tests our students will take. We look forward to supporting your child and ensuring they will be successful not only in our school system, but also as they leave and enter the world college and career ready.