

TESTING SEASON EDITION

Test week: no peeking, no phishing

Testing weeks mean shared device carts, proctor logins, seating charts and score reports everywhere. That's a lot of student data on screens, and a fake 'testing platform' email has perfect timing.



Lock the screen every time you step away

Learn your device's lock shortcut and use it even for a 30-second walk to the copier. Seating charts and accommodation lists stay off projectors, shared screens and open laptops.



Sign in to testing from your bookmark

Use only the testing site your coordinator gave you in training. Forward any email asking you to 're-verify' a proctor account to your testing coordinator and help desk instead of clicking.



Student data stays need-to-know

Score reports, accommodation plans (IEP and 504) and testing notes go only to people who need them, through district systems. No personal email, no photos of rosters, no group texts.



Spot the scam



Email

External

State Testing Support <proctor-verify@ga-testing-portal.example>

ACTION REQUIRED: proctor account verification

Dear Proctor, our records show your proctor account is not verified for spring testing. Unverified proctors cannot open test sessions on Monday. Sign in with your district email and password at ga-testing-portal.example/verify and upload your student roster to complete verification. Thank you for supporting student success. State Assessment Help Team

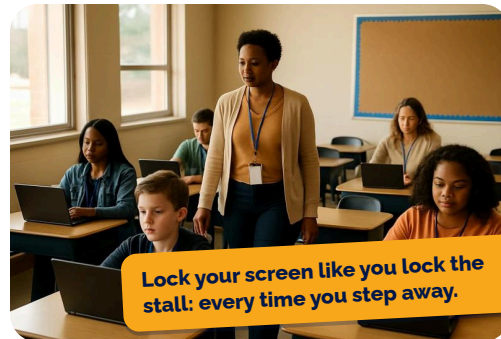
Spot the scam: how many red flags can you find?

Red flags I found: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Look for: surprise, urgency, secrecy, an unusual payment method, a sender or link you can't confirm.

- Five flags: a surprise 'unverified' status, a Monday deadline threat, a request for your district password, a link that isn't from your coordinator, and a request for student data. Safe move: don't click. Forward it to your testing coordinator and help desk, and sign in only from the link you got in training.
- A surprise problem with your account, right before testing.
- A Monday deadline threat to make you rush.
- Testing platforms don't collect your district password by email.
- The link didn't come from your testing coordinator.
- A request for student data is a data breach waiting to happen.

ANSWER



FUN FACT

K12 SIX counted 1,331 publicly disclosed cyber incidents at U.S. public schools from 2016 to 2021, and found that the biggest student and teacher data breaches, by people affected, came through school vendors and partners.

Source: K12 SIX: The State of K-12 Cybersecurity: 2021 Year in Review



Your 60-second move

Set your device to lock itself after a few idle minutes, then try your lock shortcut once so your hands remember it.



Who do I tell?

Name / ext. _____

Report channel _____



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