

2021 HOSA Virtual SLC Security and Ethical Statement

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As Future Health Professionals, HOSA members are held to a higher standard regarding their ethical behavior as a competitor. HOSA members are expected to follow HOSA rules and act honorably and ethically at all times. Plagiarism, copyright violation and falsification of information are inconsistent with the culture of future health professionals. Any attempt to gain an unfair advantage is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated. Violation of the ethics rules will be severely penalized and may lead to forfeiture of any award received during the 2021 HOSA Virtual State Competitive Event competition.

This year's Ohio HOSA State Leadership Competitive Event Tests will be ***closed without any notes or other resources including smartphones, computers, etc.*** HOSA members may not consult with other members, advisors or parents during the testing period. HOSA will take the necessary steps to protect the integrity of test administration.

Collaborating with others is *not* acceptable: HOSA Tests give you an opportunity to show your mastery of a subject—not someone else's. It is strictly forbidden to give or receive aid during the test. Any students found using the work of others, exchanging or sharing information on test topics, collaborating via any online platform, or soliciting tips will be investigated for violating test security.

We are confident that the vast majority of HOSA members will follow the rules for taking HOSA tests. For any HOSA member who may try to gain an unfair advantage, we have a comprehensive and strict set of protocols to prevent and detect cheating. We are keeping some of these protocols confidential to maximize their effectiveness. Others are listed here.

We Designed the Tests with Security in Mind

- Tests will be taken on the same day during posted times.
- For all team testing events (CERT, EMT, CPR, BD, CPS, HB, PP, FS, and DD), **all team members must take the test within 1 hour of each other.** Tests are electronically time-stamped when the competitor begins, and HOSA will be monitoring to ensure team members all begin the test within 60 minutes of each other. Coordinate with your team members to take the test within 60 minutes of each other.

We Use Tools to Detect Plagiarism

- We're using a range of digital security tools and techniques, including plagiarism detection software and post-administration analytics, to protect the integrity of the tests.

HOSA Members Who Violate Exam Security Will Receive Consequences

- HOSA members whose responses mirror other members' submissions will have their scores questioned and possibly cancelled.
- HOSA members sharing or receiving test content or test responses or engaging in any plans or efforts to provide or gain an unfair advantage, will be blocked from testing or their scores will be cancelled. This includes communications or assistance in-person, via the Internet, social media, or any other means.
- If we determine that a HOSA member gained or provided an unfair advantage on a HOSA Test, we'll notify the school so the school can choose to take necessary disciplinary action, as appropriate.
- HOSA members who attempt to gain an unfair advantage also may be prohibited from taking a future HOSA Test at state or international conferences.
- We encourage anyone with knowledge of any dishonest behavior with respect to HOSA Testing to contact the state advisor. Reports can be shared confidentially with ohiohosa.14@gmail.com.