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A wide variety of security options are available to safeguard the reliability of student results. Use this document to learn about security options for Schoolnet assessments aimed toward students. Settings made when creating and scheduling a test can be edited at a later time from the Test Detail page. For additional information test and item security, refer to *Security Options for Schoolnet Tests Quick Reference Card.*

To prevent students from:	Consider these options:	Caveats:
Accessing an online test before or after school	Select 'Enforce test time' on the Schedule page. Set the days of the week/time range during which students should be able to access the test.	Take into consideration if makeups will happen before or after school.
Sharing content on a test that will be taken by students at different times	Select 'Prevent the students from accessing the test results until after the end date' on the Schedule page.	If the test window is long, some students may have to wait to view results online.
	When creating the test, for 'Hide Item Content from Test Results,' select 'Yes'.	Students will not be able to review what they missed.
	Select 'Requires Schoolnet Tester application' on the Schedule page so that students testing early can't use a screen capture program or copy/paste.	Must be installed on all test computers. For details, see *Considerations for Secure Tester Quick Reference Card*.
	Make sure students don't have access to a camera phone during the assessment.	
Logging in to a test they are not assigned to and sharing content with a student who is	Select 'Allow only assigned students to take the test' on the Schedule page.	If there are any roster discrepancies, students not enrolled in an assigned section will not be able to access the test.
Copying answers off another student	Select 'Scramble question order' on the Schedule page.	Does not change the order for activities within tasks. Test items associated with passages will be kept together though not necessarily in the same order. This option is not available for Answer Key Only tests. This option overrides custom question labels.

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Copying answers off another student (cont.)	Select 'Scramble answer choices' on the Schedule page.	Applies to Multiple Choice, True/False, Inline Response, Matching, Gap Match, Drag and Drop, and Checklist item types Don't use if test contains items with all of the above, only A & B, etc. Click the ⓘ icon next to the selection for details. Scrambles answer choices where applicable. Text to Speech is not supported with the scramble answer choice functionality. This option is not available for Answer Key Only tests.
Learning about a pop quiz in advance	On the Schedule page, unselect 'Display this test on the Take a Test list on the student home page'.	None
Using saved files, email, Wikipedia, online calculators, etc., during a test	On the Schedule page, select 'Requires Secure Tester application.' Secure Tester can be used even if this option is not selected.	The Secure Tester application must be installed on every test computer. For details, see *Considerations for Secure Tester Quick Reference Card*.
Having access to a calculator for all items	Consider splitting items with and without calculators into two different tests, or if open response, have students answer those on paper that is collected before they log in.	
Leaving test open until after class and returning later to change answers	View Proctor Dashboard to see that all students submit their test at the end of the class period. Teachers and administrators can go to the score page for individual students and click **Submit Pending Test** for any student whose test is not submitted.	
After testing, see correct answer for items they got wrong (applicable during class test review sessions)	The new test restriction "Show correctness for student responses only" can be applied for parents and students. If a student selects the wrong answer, the correct answer will not be identified for them.	