



Q & A
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Q: What could happen if teachers do not follow the achievement/diploma examination guidelines and directives?

A: Teachers are required to administer the achievement/diploma tests in accordance with the directives issued by the director of the Student Evaluation Branch. The directives are outlined in the *General Information Bulletin* and set out test security requirements, administration procedures and reporting practices.

Should there be a breach in the administration of the tests, the regulatory violation may be reported and the Student Evaluation Branch has advised the Association that a reported violation will be investigated. It is also likely that the employer will conduct its own investigation and may take disciplinary action against the teacher or administrator in breach of the regulation. Subsequently, a request for an ATA investigation of unprofessional conduct may ensue. In a recent case, the Professional Conduct Committee found a teacher guilty of breaching the achievement test security regulations and, as a result, the teacher was given a letter of severe reprimand and a fine of \$1,000.