

Privacy Policy OOS and OOD Registration Information

Through this website, Out-of-School (OOS) and Out-of-District (OOD) examinees can register for Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) out-of-school and out-of-district tests. This privacy policy explains how NCS Pearson, Inc. through its Pearson Educational Measurement business ("Pearson") handles personal information that it collects through this OOS and OOD registration process.

Services. Pearson is under contract with the Texas Education Agency ("TEA") of the State of Texas to provide test-related services. Pearson collects or receives personal information in order to supply services for registering OOS and OOD examinees for the TAAS and TAKS out-of-school and out-of-district tests, scoring these tests and reporting test results to the TEA, the examinee and the school district last attended by the examinee ("Services").

Collection of Personal Information. Pearson collects personal information through the OOS and OOD registration pages of this website. This information includes name, sex, mailing address, date of birth, phone number, PEIMS numbers or T-Numbers (which may be the same number as an examinee's social security number) and, if applicable, the correspondence program in which an examinee may be enrolled. An OOS or OOD examinee may also register for the TAAS and TAKS OOS and OOD tests via a paper process by phoning 1-800-252-9186. Providing personal data is voluntary, but necessary if the examinee wishes to take the TAAS or TAKS OOS or OOD tests.

Special Note for Students under the Age of 13. OOS and OOD examinees are generally older than the age of 12. The OOS and OOD registration process on this site is not directed to anyone under the age of 13. The OOS and OOD registration pages on this website should not be used to register anyone under the age of 13, except with parental or guardian consent and by prior arrangement with Pearson. To make arrangements to register someone under the age of 13 for the TAAS or TAKS out-of-school or out-of-district tests, a school counselor should be consulted or the examinee's parent or guardian should contact Pearson by phone at 1-800-252-9186.

Protection of Personal Information. Pearson uses reasonable precautions to protect personal information collected through this site from unauthorized use, access, disclosure, alteration or destruction. These precautions include appropriate physical, electronic and managerial procedures. We provide a secured transmission method for the electronic transmission of all registration information.

Use of Personal Information. The personal information collected through the OOS and OOD registration process are used by Pearson to provide the Services and to communicate with the examinee who supplied the information.

Data Aggregation. Pearson may statistically aggregate in non-person-specific form test responses and other information collected in the registration and test process for research purposes and to improve or develop tests and testing services and processes.

Transmission of Information. In performing the Services, Pearson transmits the personal information collected through the OOS and OOD registration process to the TEA and any correspondence program specified in the registration process. Pearson may also transmit this personal information in the following situations: (a) in response to a subpoena, court order or legal process, to the extent permitted or required by law; (b) to protect the examinee's security or the security of other persons, consistent with applicable law; (c) to prevent or address actual or suspected fraud, cheating or illegal activities; (d) in connection with a sale, joint venture or other transfer of some or all of the assets of NCS Pearson, Inc.; and (e) to contractors or agents of Pearson or the TEA, provided such contractors or agents are committed or obliged to protect this personal information in a manner consistent with this Privacy Policy.

Information Access and Corrections. To access and correct OOS and OOD registration information, please call 1-800-252-9186. To protect an examinee's privacy and security, Pearson will take reasonable steps to verify identity before granting access or making alterations.

Resolution of Concerns. Please contact Pearson by phone at 1-800-252-9186 with any questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy or how Pearson handles personal data.

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Transmission of Information. The Internet is a global environment. Given the inherent operation and nature of the Internet, all Internet transmissions are done at the user's own risk.

Links to Other Sites. This site may contain links to other Web sites on the Internet that are owned and operated by third parties, the TEA or by Pearson or its affiliates. The information practices of those Web sites are not covered by this Privacy Policy, but by their own terms and policies, which you should read carefully. These other sites may send their cookies to users, collect data or solicit personal information. This Privacy Policy applies only to information collected or received in connection with registration for OOS and OOD examinees for the TAAS and TAKS out-of-school and out-of district tests. This Privacy Policy is not intended to apply to other Pearson Web sites, or other types of information which may be subject to different privacy policies.

Changes to this Privacy Policy. Pearson may change the terms of this Privacy Policy from time to time by posting an updated Privacy Policy. Please review this Privacy Policy periodically for any changes or updates.

How to Contact Pearson. To contact Pearson about this Privacy Policy or the OOS and OOD registration process, please call 1-800-252-9186.