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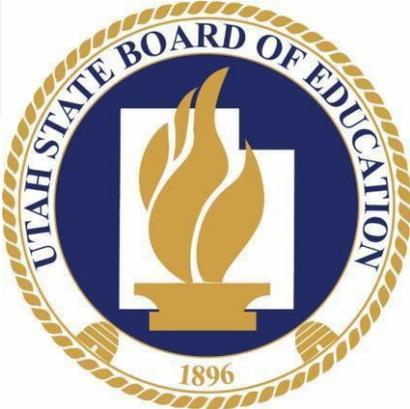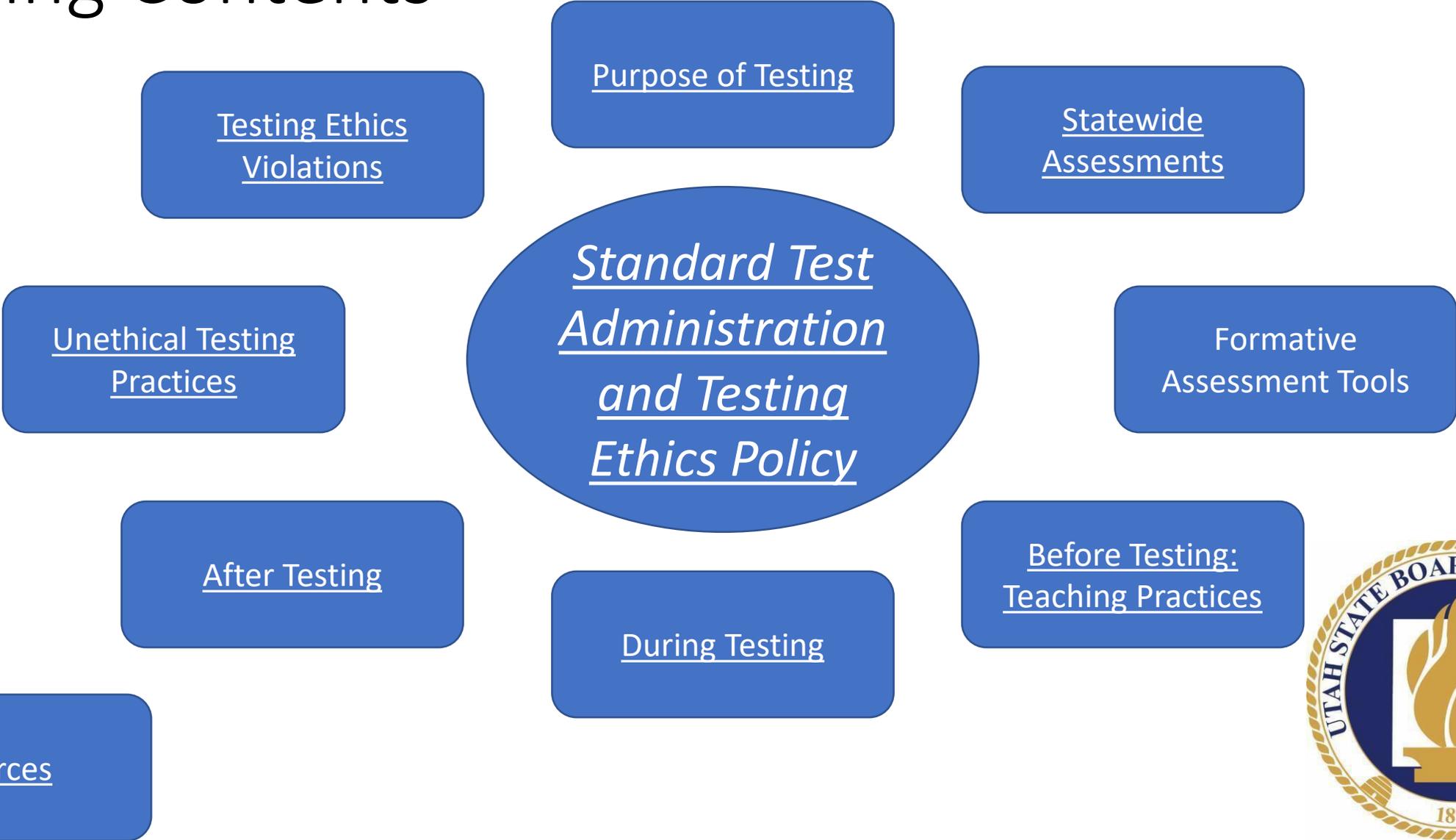# **Testing Ethics Policy Training**

For Utah Educators

2020-2021

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Purpose of Testing

"When **administered properly**, statewide assessments allow students to demonstrate what they know and can do."

"Administered properly"... what does that mean?

Why would proper administration of statewide assessments matter? What about other assessments that are not "statewide"?

Statewide Assessments

"Statewide assessments require that educators adhere to all ethical practices and procedures as outlined in this policy."

With the variety of assessments, how do I know what "statewide assessments" are covered with this policy?

Statewide Assessments

Statewide assessments are…

- Federally mandated,

- State mandated, and/or

- Require the use of a state assessment system or software that is provided or paid for by the state.

That's great! But, give me specifics. What are they?

 - Take a look at the [Assessment and Accountability webpages](http://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment).

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Formative Assessment Tools (<mark>new section</mark>)

What are formative assessment tools that you use that are provided by the state?
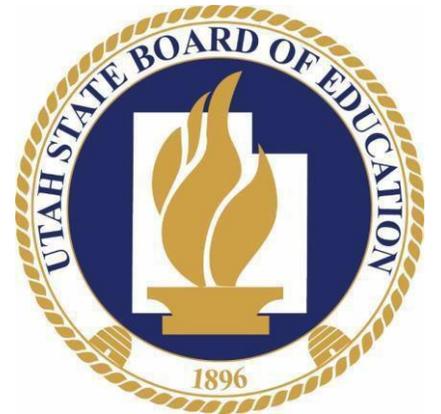
How might the testing ethics differ between the Statewide Assessments and Formative Assessment Tools?

BEFORE Testing: Teaching Practices

What are the expectations for **licensed Utah educators** prior to testing?

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4.

5.

6.

DURING testing

What SHALL <u>Utah LEAs</u> ensure happens during the testing?

What SHALL <u>licensed Utah educators</u> ensure happens during testing?

*IMPORTANT: Read the Test Administration Manual for the assessment – **prior** to administering the assessment. Read and follow the script during **each** assessment session.*

AFTER testing

LEAs SHALL ensure that test results are:

1.

2.

3.

How are the test results provided to students and parents?

How are the test results made available to educators?

AFTER testing

Licensed educators SHALL ensure that:

1.

2.

What kind of scratch paper can my students use?

AFTER testing

Utah LEAs and Educators MAY:

1. Use a student's score from a statewide assessment to improve the student's academic grade for or demonstrate the student's competency within a relevant course.

Utah LEAs and Educators may NOT:

1.

2.

What's the difference between improving a student's grade and a nonacademic reward?

Unethical Testing Practices

We want to know what the STUDENT knows and can do.

If your actions will cause student to NOT receive a <u>valid</u> and <u>reliable</u> score, that accurately reflects what they know and can do, don't do it!

What does **valid** mean? How about **reliable**?
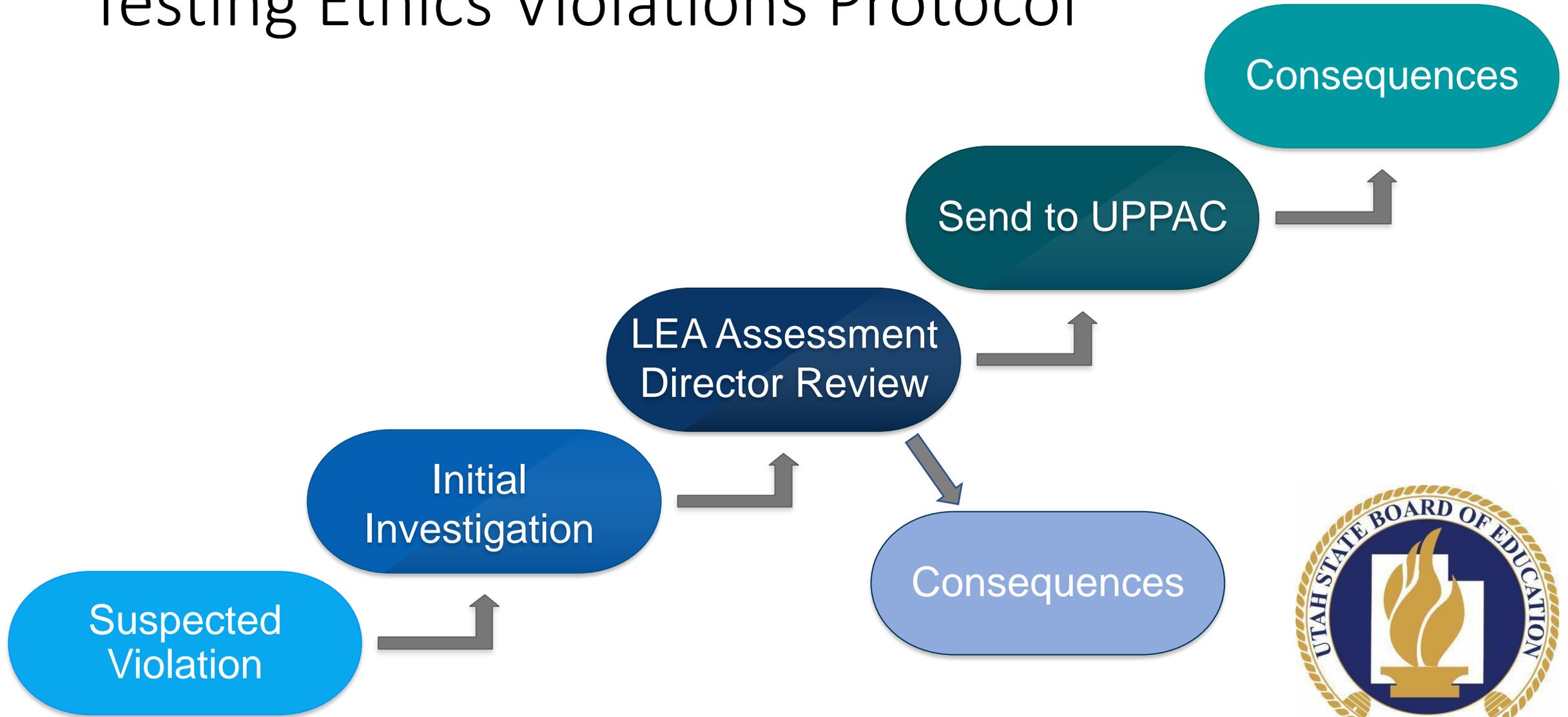
Unethical Testing Practices

Review the Unethical Testing Practices section (pages 3 and 4)

Why would these practices be considered unethical?

What are other practices, that <u>aren't</u> listed, but might be considered unethical?

Testing Ethics Violations Protocol

Consequences

Send to UPPAC

LEA Assessment Director Review

Initial Investigation

Suspected Violation

Consequences

Testing Ethics Violations

Where can you find the local testing ethics policies and procedures?

Who is the LEA Assessment Director and what is her or his contact information?

Testing Ethics Violations

If you suspect testing ethics violations who can you contact?

It could be any of the below.

     1. School Administration

     2. District Administration

     3. Utah State Board of Education (USBE)

     4. Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC)

Resources

Utah State Board of Education

http://www.schools.utah.gov

Assessment, Utah State Board of Education

http://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment

Utah State Law – Chapter 53E

https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53E/53E.html

Utah State Board of Education – Rules

https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r277/r277-404.htm

Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission

https://schools.utah.gov/policy/uppac