



Investigating and Responding to Testing Irregularities

February 29th (Winder) & March 7th (Macon)

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Topics to include:

- Accurately identifying and competently investigating suspicious activity.
- Cheaters, Bystanders & Witnesses: How the (not so?) innocent educator can find themselves in hot water too!
- Establishing & maintaining a culture of honesty: What can I do in my System to foster this culture in my school & System?
- And when do I (or should I) call for HELP!?

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8:30 Welcome and Introduction

8:45 Identifying and Investigating Reported or Alleged Testing Irregularities

Lessons learned from APS & Dougherty County Investigations

What to do & look out for even before the tests are administered

What happens in the classroom and cleaning that up?

Tips & information that may come your way (& what do I do with *that!*)

9:50 Break

10:00 Nuts & Bolts of Investigating Suspicious Activity

Planning Your Investigation

When & How to Interview Witnesses & Suspects

Breaking through the Brick Wall of Silence

Documentation that will Stand up in Court

10:45 Fair Dismissal & Ethical Aspects of Cheating

Fair Dismissal Hearings & the State Board of Education

Ethics & the PSC: When to report and recent cases

12:00 Questions, Comments and Back to School!

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For School Testing Coordinators, Principals, Assistant Principals, Human
Resource Administrators & Investigators, System Testing Coordinators, Special
Education Coordinators

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