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From: Andy Clapper**Sent:** Monday, January 09, 2012 6:51 PM**To:** Robert L. Maronic**Subject:** FW: Important Info. - Testing/Cheating**You might want to look this over again...**

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From: Andy Clapper <aclapper@rcs.k12.va.us>**Date:** Wed, 9 Nov 2011 12:13:16 -0500**To:** Hidden Valley High Staff <HiddenValleyHighStaff@rcs.k12.va.us>**Subject:** re: Important Info. - Testing/Cheating

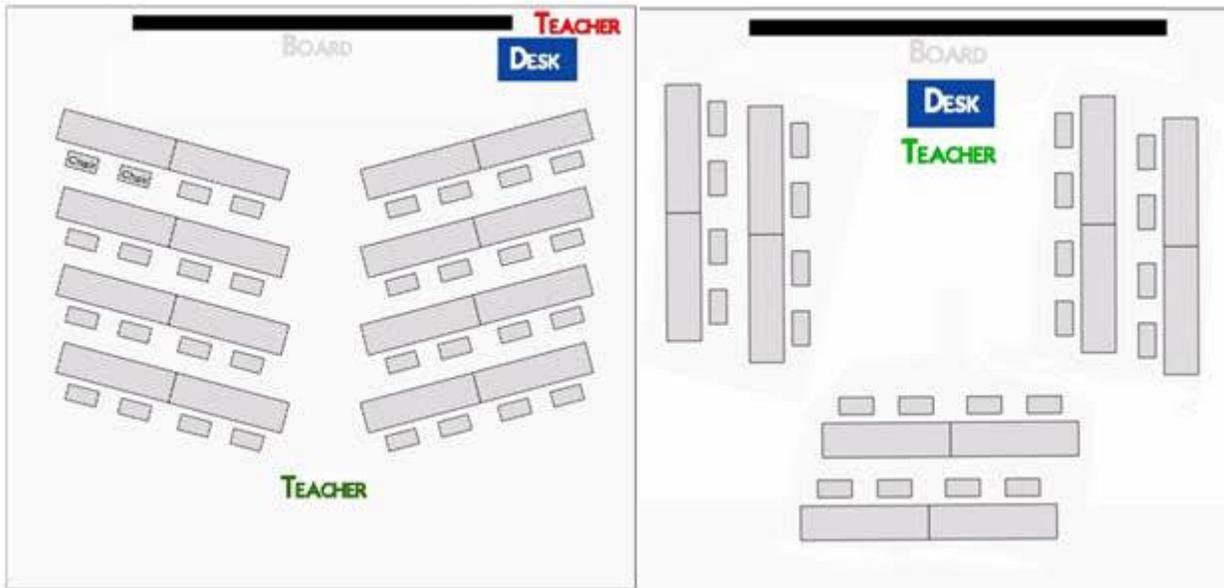
“Teachers are reminded to be diligent about monitoring your classes when they are testing, especially if they are testing on Blackboard. There has been recent discussion regarding student cheating within the county. We have not seen an increase here at

HV, but never hurts to be cautious.”

If you choose to test online, Blackboard does offer several good options for making cheating more difficult for students..randomizing questions and answers displayed to students, question display options, selective deployment to groups, password protection, random blocks of questions, scripts that prevent copying and printing.

Some suggestions on pre-test procedures:

1. Require that all applications (except Blackboard) be closed.
2. Seat students in a fashion that they can be observed from behind. If you are not able to view their screens from behind there are those who will take advantage of the opportunity to cheat by texting a friend, launching another file or browser window or any number of other means including traditional forms of cheating.



3. Require that the Blackboard window be maximized. Be aware that maximizing and minimizing during the test can lock it.
4. Inform the class upfront that if you see other applications open it will be considered cheating. Make sure this policy is in your syllabus.
5. Use the same test security guidelines as you do during SOL testing... remove all items from desk no cell phones etc.

If you suspect a student has been accessing a website other than Blackboard during a testing session, we can request a student internet history report from central office. This is a very detailed report that shows not only what websites have been visited but also what search terms are entered into a search engine field.

Let me know if you have any questions or need assistance with testing options in Blackboard.

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