

School District Teacher Caught Changing Test Scores

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Standard 5

A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner

Knowledge:

The administrator has knowledge and understanding of:

- Various ethical frameworks and perspectives on ethics

Disposition:

The administrator believes in, values, and is committed to:

- Bringing ethical principles to the decision-making process

Performance:

- Demonstrates values, beliefs, and attitudes that inspire others to higher levels of performance

Scenario:

You have been hired as a new superintendent in a small size rural school district. Upon arriving, there is a very important package from the state department on your desk. You proceed to open the package and find several assessment tests and a letter from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The assessment books were found in the trunk of a car that had been stopped for speeding on Interstate 44. When the patrolperson looked in the car he noticed something hanging out of the trunk. Upon looking closer she found an assessment book caught in the lock of the trunk. She notified the department and the assessment books were traced back to a teacher on your staff. The assessments had several erase marks which indicated that many changes were made to the answer forms which were also in the assessment books.

Assignment

1. What are you going to do with this information?
2. Describe the ethical dilemma as you understand it.