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RE: Materials Not Allowed During State-wide and District-wide Tests

### In General

If a naïve observer would have any sense that the students in the classroom would have an advantage over other students on the tests as a result of what is on the walls, those materials must be covered or removed.

Anything that gives a possible answer or definition may not be displayed during any test administration.

### Word Walls

Only remove or cover “Word Wall” words if they give a definition.

There may be no definitions on the walls. For example if the words “triangle = three sided shape” are on the wall, the words “three sided shape” would need to be removed. Another example would be if the word “vacation” is on the wall followed by “camping”, “Disneyworld”, “visiting relatives”. The examples of the types of vacations would need to be removed. If these words do not appear to be a definition of “vacation” they would not need to be removed.

Words considered to be definitions may either be removed or covered before the test administration.

### Mathematics

Only remove or cover charts, tables or posters that show answers. For example, a partial sums example poster or anything that gives a possible answer including multiplication or addition tables would need to be removed or covered.

Number lines and 100s charts do not give answers. Students must have the skills to know how to use them in the same way they need to know how to use a ruler or calculator. Therefore, number lines and 100s charts do not need to be removed.

Math charts, tables or posters considered to give answers may either be removed or covered before the test administration.