

Mathematics Department Rationale for Keeping Students' Tests

Assessments should be reliable and valid. Some students are absent prior to or on the day of the test. This means that they will take the test at a time later than the other students. If students have their tests, reliability and validity may no longer exist because the students who are taking the test after the day it was administered may have obtained specific information about the test questions.

Copies of the tests need to be kept secure in order to avoid incidences of academic dishonesty.

Copies of the tests are needed in order for teachers to provide reteaching and relearning of materials as they work with individual students. If the students keep their test papers, they may or may not have them when it is time to review the material with their teacher.

Test papers may be needed when teachers meet with parents/guardians, counselors, and/or the students themselves to discuss the students' academic progress, or to justify the assignment of a grade.

Equivalent assessments are often difficult to create on a semester/yearly basis.

Tests are available for parents/guardians, and students to study at a time arranged between parent/guardian and/or the student and teacher.