



The Code of Fair Testing Practices

In 2004, the Joint Committee on Testing Practices laid forth guidelines to help improve testing practices.

The Code encourages test makers, like LinguiSystems, to set policies that control the test development process. It further helps test users, like you, to make sound decisions based on valid test results. Below is a brief recap of what the Code addresses:

- A. **Developing and Selecting Appropriate Tests:** Test developers should pay close attention to the information and supporting evidence clinicians need to choose appropriate tests. Test users should use tests that are specifically intended for that purpose. In other words, users should use more than just a vocabulary test to assess general language.
- B. **Administering and Scoring Tests:** Test developers should be clear, correct, and fair to all users in their representations of test directions and scoring standards. Test users should not deviate from the administration or scoring standards.
- C. **Reporting and Interpreting Test Results:** Test developers must report results accurately and provide users with directions on how to interpret test scores. Users should not deviate from the developers' recommendations.
- D. **Informing Test Takers:** Test developers should make sure test users know the purpose of a test. Test users should make sure they tell the test takers about test procedures, their rights as test takers, and what the test results mean.

Joint Committee on Testing Practices. (2004). *Code of fair testing practices in education*. www.apa.org/science/jctpweb.html

