

HSC examinations: breaches of procedures

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Students who do not comply with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) examination rules for a course may have their examination paper for that course cancelled. This may render the student ineligible for the award of a Record of Achievement and/or a Higher School Certificate.

Principals should note the detailed requirements concerning students' conduct contained in the Rules and Procedures for Higher School Certificate Candidates.

All students attending an examination session at a school are subject to the rules of the school. They are under the principal's direction except when assembling for, undertaking and leaving the examinations. During these times the presiding officer is responsible for supervising the students.

HSC examinations: non-serious attempts and non-attempts

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HSC students who do not make a serious attempt at the examination may not receive an award in the course concerned. This may render some students ineligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

Non-serious attempts include frivolous or objectionable material.

Students who provide answers to examination questions in a language other than English (unless specifically instructed to do so) will have zero marks awarded.

Non-attempts include those where only multiple-choice questions are attempted.

Any student identified as making a non-serious attempt or a non-attempt will be asked by BOSTES to justify why they should receive a result in the course concerned.

BOSTES will advise the student and the school principal of its decision at the time of the release of Higher School Certificate results.