

Cheating Reported as Unified State Exams Begin

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The first wave of the Unified State Exam begins on Monday as students all across the country get ready to sit the Russian-language exam, and already there have been reports of cheating.

Students in Russia's Far East completed the exam earlier today and photos of exam answer sheets have been published on a number of online resources.

They are hidden under random names and to access the answer page you need to send your phone number, or download a program. However, several photos answer pages are available to the general public, RIA-Novosti reported.

All instances of online answer publication are tracked and sent to the State Examination Commission, said Ekaterina Sheglenko from the Primorye region's Education and Science Department.

"If it is confirmed that there are indeed cases of cheating, usually in an hour or two we can establish the identity of the offender, then the commission will decide whether to annul the results without the possibility to retake the exam," she added.

Nearly 860,000 people will take the unified state exam across Russia this year, including more than 750,000 final-year students, the Education and Science Ministry said.

The Public Chamber has opened a hotline for issues related to the state exam. Students can call 8-800-700-83-63 from 06:00 to 18:00 Moscow time, ITAR-TASS reported.

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