



Accessibility and Assessments / Special Paper Version Tests 11/6/20 Webinar Chat Questions

1. Are waivers ever issued for students? A waiver was denied for a student that is completely non-verbal, not able to use a mouse or any type of communication device and is labeled as Severe and Profound. That does not seem to be in line with what you're saying about accommodations should match those in the classroom.

Waivers or exemptions for assessments are not permitted. ADE provides approval for specific requested accommodations for specific assessments. ADE will provide guidance on accommodations for students that are required to take state assessments. There may be instructional accommodations/supports a student has for instruction; however, not all instructional accommodations are allowable for assessments.
2. Can IEP Teams document that the student will have access to universal tools or does the IEP Team need to specify them?

IEP Teams should explicitly indicate any specific accommodation/support or tool for a student. These supports may be referred to differently for different assessments; therefore, documentation of the student's need for a specific accommodation/support or tool is necessary. Any documentation for an English Learner would be the same.
3. How are we to proceed with testing a student with severe/profound disabilities?

For each program, ADE recommends that the school/team review allowable accommodations and tools and if there is/are additional accommodations that are not listed in the ADE Assessment manuals, that the DTC contact the specific program area.
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