



Accessibility and Assessments October 28, 2022 Webinar

What accommodations are available on statewide assessments?

Accommodations on statewide assessments vary between subjects and assessments. Each statewide assessment's Accommodations Manual lists accommodations available to students with disabilities. These manuals are located on our [Accessibility](#) webpage.

Is it allowable if a student uses an FM system for which they have Bluetooth hearing aids?

Yes, this is allowable. For Achievement testing, please submit an Additional Accommodations Request form (https://www.azed.gov/assessment/achievement_aa_fy23) so ADE can ensure the student's FM system will function properly with TestNav. For MSAA, this would be allowed as a tool rather than as an accommodation.

Can a student have white noise playing during all assessments as an accommodation in a small testing group?

This will vary between assessments. Due to the nature of AZELLA, the use of white noise is not recommended. For the Achievement Assessments, please submit an Additional Accommodations Request form (https://www.azed.gov/assessment/achievement_aa_fy23).

Do English Learners who take the ACT Aspire get time and a half?

If the students have this need and it is documented, then they are eligible for time and a half. Please see below from the [ACT Aspire Accessibility Supports Guide](#).

English Learner Supports

English learner (EL) supports are available only for examinees who are not proficient in English.

EL supports are limited to:

- ACT-authorized word-to-word bilingual dictionary
- Translated verbal instructions, provided locally
- One and one-half time (one session)
- Small group testing

Is there a listing of Universal Accommodations for MSAA?

The MSAA universal features and accommodations are listed in the [Alternate Assessments Accommodations Manual](#).

Is a request form needed for American Sign Language (ASL) for MSAA?

MSAA has a slightly different process for accommodations. Please send an email to the Alternate Assessment inbox for additional information (AssessingSWDs@azed.gov).

What is the process for submitting Additional Accommodations requests?

Accommodations requests are submitted to ADE for review and approval using the appropriate secure form, linked below.

- Use this form to submit AASA, AzSCI, and ACT Aspire Additional Accommodations requests: https://www.azed.gov/assessment/achievement_aa_fy23. Please also see the [Additional Accommodations Request Quick Guide](#) for additional information.
- Use this form to submit AASA, AzSCI, and ACT Aspire Special Paper Version test requests: <https://www.azed.gov/assessment/spv2023>. Please also see the [Special Paper Version Test Request Process Quick Guide](#) for additional information.
- Use this form to submit AZELLA Additional Accommodations requests: <https://www.azed.gov/azellaAddAccRequest22-23>.

Can posters showing the TestNav tools from this presentation be posted in the room during testing?

Posters may not be displayed during testing. However, they may be displayed when students are taking the Sample Tests.

What is the deadline to submit ACT accommodations requests?

Initial ACT accommodations requests must be submitted by January 27, 2023. The deadline to request reconsideration of requests is February 3, 2023, and the deadline to request qualified exceptions to the deadline is March 27, 2023.

What happens if a student who needs accommodations enrolls after the cutoff dates to submit ACT accommodations requests?

In this situation, please contact ADE at Testing@azed.gov for guidance, or you may contact ACT's Accommodations team directly at 800-553-6244, ext. 1788.

The Alt ELPA Accommodations Manual lists non-embedded test conditions and supports. If needed by the student, would these need to be documented on the IEP to be used?

As a best practice, all accommodations needed by the student should be documented in the IEP.

Is there a Sample Test for Alt ELPA?

Yes, the Alt ELPA Sample Test is available here: <https://az.portal.cambiumast.com/>.

If a student gets glasses after the IEP is locked and they take MSAA, does an addendum need to be done?

Please contact your ESS Specialist for guidance on adding this and the process to add it. As far as MSAA testing, the test administrator should respond to the Learner Characteristic Inventory and Before and After Accommodations tabs accordingly.

Can a child on an IEP who is nonverbal and unable to hold a pencil be excused from taking the test?

A student cannot be excused from statewide assessments.

Other than Special Paper Version tests, can you give an example of assessment accommodations that are not universal testing conditions?

An example for AZELLA would be testing over a period of more than five days. For Achievement, one example is the use of Assistive Technology that may interact with TestNav, such as an eye gaze device.

Webinar Information

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