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Testing Accommodations Guide

Part I: Students with Disabilities

2019-20

**A Guide to the Selection and Identification of Accommodations on District of Columbia
Statewide Assessments for Students with Disabilities with Individualized Education
Programs or Section 504 Plans**

Introduction

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) supports the use of appropriate testing accommodations for all District of Columbia's students with disabilities (SWDs), English learners (ELs), and ELs with disabilities. The 2019-20 Testing Accommodations Guide was created to ensure that:

- Participation in assessments for SWDs and ELs is consistent in all District of Columbia districts, schools, and programs;
- Appropriate accessibility features are provided to students who need them;
- Appropriate accommodations are provided to all eligible qualified students; and
- Accommodations used in assessment are also used in daily instruction.

The information and requirements described in Part I of this guide apply to students with disabilities, i.e., students who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 plan (504 plan), in all public schools and to students in nonpublic settings whose education is supported by District of Columbia public funding. Part II of this guide will focus on accommodations for ELs, with a listing of available accommodations and applicable guidance for implementing appropriate accommodations. ELs with a disability are eligible for both categories of accommodations.

Part I of this guide is meant to be a guide for IEP teams and Section 504 teams, as it provides an overview of each accommodation, its intended use, and eligibility criteria. Additionally, this guide connects each accommodation to its equivalent accommodation, accessibility feature, or administrative consideration specific to each DC statewide assessment.

Additional materials and technical assistance are available to help school personnel become more familiar with information presented in this guide. Please contact the OSSE Office of Data, Assessment, and Research (DAR) for further information at OSSE.Assessment@dc.gov or visit the [OSSE Testing Accommodations website](#).

Overview of District of Columbia Statewide Assessments

The District of Columbia administers multiple assessments annually in accordance with District and federal law. These statewide assessments are an important source of data on students' progress and performance relative to the District's educational standards. The District of Columbia administers a system of Next Generation Assessments (NGA) aligned to the [Common Core State Standards](#) and [Next Generation Science Standards](#), which have been adopted by the DC State Board of Education. These assessments are also technology- and computer-enhanced. While this shift has been a major transition, it allows students in the District to demonstrate their knowledge in a more accurate and engaging way. Statewide Next Generation Assessments include:

- [Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\) Assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy \(ELA\) and Mathematics](#)
- [DC Science Assessment](#)
- [Alternate Assessments \(Multi-State Alternate Assessment \[MSAA\] in ELA and Mathematics\)](#)
- [Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment \(DLM\) in Science](#)
- [ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 English Language Proficiency Assessment and Alt Access Assessment](#)

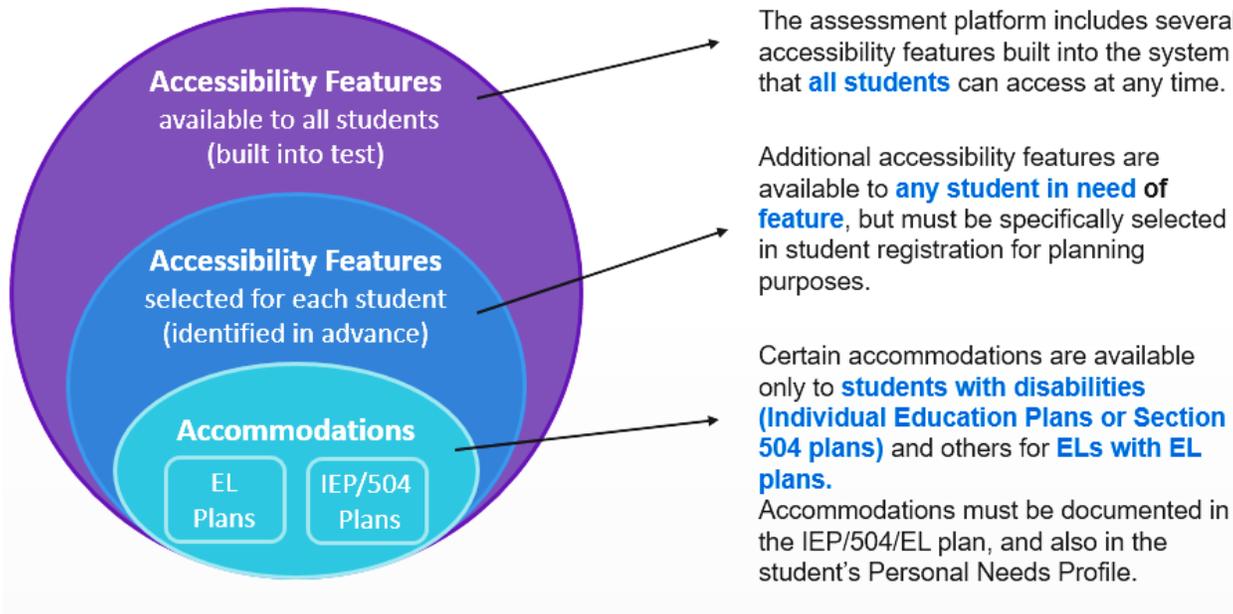
For more information, visit the [OSSE Statewide Assessments](#) website.

Required Documentation of Testing Accommodations

A student who qualifies for testing accommodations must have each applicable accommodation documented on the student's IEP/504 plan prior to participating in any statewide assessment. This documentation typically occurs as part of a student's annual IEP/504 plan review and update. During this meeting, IEP teams/504 teams are encouraged to use this guide in considering, selecting, and documenting appropriate accommodations for the student. IEP documentation must occur in the Special Education Data System (SEDS or "EasyIEP"). 504 plan documentation occurs in the LEA's designated 504 plan documentation system.

If the time of the annual review of the IEP/504 plan is past, but the team determines that an additional accommodation is needed, the current IEP/504 plan must be amended in accordance with the [OSSE IEP Amendment Policy](#) and [IEP Amendment Guidance](#).¹ In September 2015, the list of accommodations available in SEDS was updated to reflect the state’s current allowable accommodations. No additional updates to assessment accommodations in SEDS were made for the 2018-19 school year. More information about the current list of accommodations in SEDS can be found in the Testing Accommodations SEDS Crosswalk below.

System of Accessibility Features and Accommodations for Statewide Assessments in the District of Columbia



Accommodations are available only to students with disabilities, ELs, and ELs with disabilities, and only if identified in advance through documentation in an IEP, 504 plan, or EL plan. To the extent possible, accommodations should:

- Provide equitable access during instruction and assessments;
- Mitigate the effects of a student’s disability;
- Not reduce learning or performance expectations;
- Not change the construct being assessed; and
- Not compromise the integrity or validity of the assessment.

Accommodations are intended to reduce and/or eliminate the effects of a student’s disability and/or English language proficiency level; however, **accommodations should never reduce learning expectations by reducing the scope, complexity, or rigor of an assessment**. Moreover, accommodations provided to a student on statewide assessments must be generally consistent with those provided for classroom instruction and classroom assessments.

Accessibility features increase access to test content on a particular test, and are available for use by **all students who need them**, not just students with disabilities and English learners. Some features are available on demand for all students because they are built into the test platform. These do not need to be identified in advance for test administration planning purposes. Other accessibility features are also available to any student, but only

when activated, or ‘turned on,’ within a student’s individual test platform, therefore they must be identified in advance for students who need them.

Similarly, **administrative considerations** may be granted to any student who may benefit from them, at the discretion of school leaders. Administrative considerations are not tied to the testing platform, but rather, are decisions made about a student’s testing environment (e.g., small group testing, special seating arrangement, or frequent breaks). School leaders must decide in advance which students need these features, as the school test plan will need to reflect them.

NOTE: For students with disabilities who need certain accessibility features and/or administrative considerations, these should be documented as accommodations in the IEP/504 plan in order to ensure that the student has a legal guarantee to receive the feature as an accommodation during classroom instruction, on other statewide assessments that limit the feature to students with disabilities, or during tests that do not include embedded accessibility features.

If an IEP team/504 team determines that a student needs an accommodation which is not listed below, then the team must submit a [Unique Accommodations Request Form](#) to OSSE for approval.

Detailed test administration guidance on the accessibility features for all students available for the PARCC assessments can be found in the [PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual – Sixth Edition](#).

Test Administration and Implementation of Testing Accommodations

Each District statewide assessment has its own guidelines for test administration. The implementation of each accommodation may vary from assessment to assessment. Differences in administration and implementation of an accommodation across tests do not affect the eligibility of each student to use this accommodation. Eligibility requirements remain consistent across all statewide assessments. LEA and school testing coordinators should ensure all staff members who will assist in the administration of each assessment are familiar with all applicable guidelines for DC testing. Accommodations are intended to reduce the effects of a student’s disability and/or English language proficiency level but not to reduce learning expectations. Additionally, accommodations should never be used for the first time on a state assessment. Testing accommodations should be introduced to the student in a classroom or practice environment prior to statewide assessments to determine their appropriateness and effectiveness.

The **Multi-State Alternate Assessments (MSAA)** in ELA and mathematics were developed to ensure that all students with significant cognitive disabilities are able to participate in an assessment that measures what they know and can do in relation to grade-level state content standards. The MSAA is designed to meet the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These laws mandate that all students participate in assessments that measure student achievement on grade-level content standards. As such, students with disabilities who qualify for the alternate assessment may be in need of testing accommodations. Further information about available accommodations and implementation guidance is found on OSSE’s [Alternate Assessments](#) page.

The **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Assessment** in Science assesses what students with the most significant cognitive disabilities know and can do in grades 5, 8, and high school Biology. Students taking the DLM alternate assessment require extensive, direct instruction, and substantial supports to achieve measurable gains. The DLM alternate assessment provides accessibility by design and is guided by the core beliefs that all students are to have access to challenging, grade-level content and that test administrators must adhere to the highest levels of integrity in providing instruction and in administering assessments based on this challenging content.

Students found eligible to participate in an alternate assessment, via the alternate assessment eligibility

determination process set forth by OSSE, will take both the **MSAA** and **DLM** in grades 3-8, 11 and high school Biology.

The Decision-Making Process

To ensure students with disabilities are engaged in standards-based instruction and assessments, every IEP and 504 plan team member must be knowledgeable about the District of Columbia Educational Standards, including the CCSS, NGSS, and accompanying assessments. Effective decision-making about the provision of appropriate accommodations begins with making good instructional decisions. Making appropriate instructional decisions is based on gathering and reviewing all available information about the student's disability and level of performance in relation to the state and district academic standards. The team makes the decision regarding appropriate accommodations to ensure access to the general education curriculum and instruction based on the District of Columbia Educational Standards, the CCSS, and the NGSS. This should be a thoughtful process in which all team members engage in the discussion and decision-making process including the parents and student, when appropriate, to 'level the playing field' so students with disabilities have equal opportunities to successfully participate and learn.

Accommodations used in assessment should also be used in daily instruction. When these accommodations are used according to plan, the student should be able to validly demonstrate what he or she knows and can do for both instruction and assessments.

Testing Accommodations Available to Students with Disabilities in the District of Columbia

Students with disabilities have access to a wide range of accommodations and accessibility features on statewide assessments. All accommodations for statewide testing must be listed on a student's IEP or 504 plan. Additionally, although accessibility features are available to all students, IEP teams or 504 plan coordinators may need to also include accessibility features on a student's IEP or 504 plan if the student requires this feature because of their disability. If an accessibility feature is listed on an IEP or 504 plan, it must be made available to a student during testing, and is treated as an accommodation for that student.

The table below outlines the accommodations available for students with disabilities for each statewide assessment, along with brief administration guidance. It also provides a crosswalk to the terminology used in SEDS. Accessibility features and administrative considerations are also included in this chart because while they are not listed as official accommodations, they must be treated as such if they are indicated on a student's IEP or 504 plan. For a separate list of alternate assessment accommodations, please reference the [OSSE Testing Accommodations and Accessibility Features](#) webpage.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and other staff responsible for selecting, administering, and monitoring accommodations for PARCC assessments should review the full detailed guidance found in the [PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual – Sixth Edition](#). This guide does not include full administrative guidance for each feature/accommodation.

| Setting Accommodations | | | | | | | |
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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MSAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 <i>(ELs with disabilities)</i> | |
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| Specialized Equipment, Furniture, or Lighting | Adaptive and Specialized Equipment or Furniture (<i>administrative consideration</i>) <i>Student is provided specialized equipment or furniture needed for a successful testing environment (e.g., low lighting; adaptive seat).</i> | | | | | | |
| Noise Buffer or Headphones | Headphones or Noise Buffer (<i>accessibility feature</i>) <i>Student uses headphones or noise buffers to minimize distraction or filter external noise during testing. If headphones are used only as noise buffers, they should not be plugged into the student's device.</i> | | | | | | |
| Preferential seating | Specified Area of Setting (<i>administrative consideration</i>) <i>Student is tested in a specialized area or setting (e.g., front of the classroom, seat near the door, etc.).</i> | | | | | | |
| Location with Minimal Distractions | Separate or Alternate Location (<i>administrative consideration</i>) <i>Student is tested in a location other than their originally scheduled testing classroom.</i> | | | | | Specific Seating (<i>administrative consideration</i>) <i>Student is tested in a location other than their originally scheduled testing classroom.</i> | |
| Individual Testing | Small Group Testing (<i>administrative consideration</i>) <i>Student is tested in a separate location individually or with a small group of students with matching accessibility features, accommodations, or testing needs as appropriate.</i> | | | n/a <i>MSAA and DLM are administered in a one-on-one setting</i> | | Individual or Small Group Setting (<i>administrative consideration</i>) <i>Student is tested in a separate location individually or with a small group of students with matching accessibility features, accommodations, or testing needs as appropriate.</i> | |
| Small Group Testing | | | | | | | |
| Unique/ Non-Standard Accommodation | Statewide Unique Accommodation Request <i>Student may require a unique/non-standard accommodation that is not listed above, and does not change the construct being measured by the test. A separate request form must be submitted to OSSE for review. Please see http://osse.dc.gov/service/testing-accommodations to access the form and view instructions on submission to OSSE. If approved, the accommodation must be listed in the IEP or 504 plan.</i> | | | | | | |

| Timing and Scheduling Accommodations | | | | | | |
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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MCAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 (ELs with disabilities) |
| Extended Time | Extended Time | | | n/a | | Extended Time of a Test Domain Over Multiple Days (EM) |
| | <p><i>Student has until the end of the school day to complete a single test unit administered during the prescribed testing window. It is recommended to test students receiving the extended time accommodation in a separate setting to minimize distractions to other students, and to schedule these students for testing in the morning to allow adequate time for completion of a test unit by the end of the school day. If needed, each unit of the Science Assessment may be administered on a separate day.</i></p> | | | <p><i>MCAA and DLM are an untimed tests.</i></p> | | <p><i>In rare cases, and only when absolutely necessary, due to an illness, disability, or extended interruption in testing, with the approval of OSSE, students may extend the testing session over multiple days.</i></p> <p>L, R, S, W</p> |
| | | | | | | <p style="text-align: center;">Extended Speaking Test Response Time (ES)</p> <p><i>May be used to support students with cognitive, language processing, physical, or communication disabilities who need additional processing time for spoken language. This accommodation must be selected in WIDA AMS prior to the student beginning the test.</i></p> <p>S</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Extended Testing Time Within the School Day (ET)</p> <p><i>May be used to support students with cognitive, language processing, physical, or communication disabilities who need additional time to complete one or more test sections.</i></p> <p><i>Extended time is considered 1.5 times the anticipated testing time, however, if a student is actively engaged in testing, the TA may extend the testing time up to the end of the school day.</i></p> <p>L, R, W</p> | | | | | | |

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| Flexibility in Scheduling | <p align="center">Time of Day (<i>administrative consideration</i>)</p> <p align="center"><i>Student is tested during a specific time of day based on their individual needs.</i></p> | | | | | |
| Frequent Breaks | <p align="center">Frequent Breaks (<i>administrative consideration</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Medical Break: Student takes a break due to existence or sudden onset of a temporary or long-term medical condition. Student's testing time stops during a medical break.</i> <i>Individual Bathroom Break: Student requests a bathroom break within their overall allotted testing time. Student's testing time does not stop.</i> <i>In-Chair Stretch Break: Student pauses and stretches. Student's testing time does not stop.</i> | | <p align="center">Frequent Breaks¹</p> <p><i>Every student is different and has varying degrees of stamina and ability to stay on task. TAs may pause testing to take a break at any time. A test session for a student may consist of one or two items at a time, or ten or more items. The Test is not timed and can be paused for a variety of reasons, including frustration, lack of engagement, refusal to participate, or sickness.</i></p> | <p align="center">Frequent Breaks</p> <p><i>Students may take as many breaks as needed throughout the completion of a testlet. During the administration of a testlet, Student Portal can sit inactive for as long as 90 minutes before timing out.</i></p> | <p align="center">Frequent or Additional Supervised Breaks (<i>administrative consideration</i>)</p> <p><i>Students may take breaks as needed. Frequent breaks refer to multiple, planned, short breaks during testing based on a student's specific needs (e.g., fatigues easily, overly anxious).</i></p> | |
| Unique/ Non-Standard Accommodation | <p align="center">Statewide Unique Accommodation Request</p> <p><i>Student may require a unique/non-standard accommodation that is not listed above, and does not change the construct being measured by the test. A separate request form must be submitted to OSSE for review. Please see http://osse.dc.gov/service/testing-accommodations to access the form and view instructions on submission to OSSE. If approved, the accommodation must be listed in the IEP or 504 plan.</i></p> | | | | | |

¹ For MSAA only, the TA may pause and resume the administration of the Test as often as necessary during the whole administration window. A break may consist of a few minutes to a few days, depending on the student's needs.

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| Audio Amplification | Audio Amplification (accessibility feature) <i>Student raises or lowers the volume control, as needed, prior to testing. Final volume must be set prior to testing. Student uses amplification device assistive technology (e.g., FM System) provided by the school or student. The student brings familiar auditory aid assistive technology to the test administration. If needed, the test administrator tests technology prior to test administration (e.g., during an "Infrastructure Trial").</i> | | | Increase Volume (accessibility feature) <i>To increase the volume on the computer, laptop, or tablet, use the built-in volume control options. Students may need headphone depending on testing location.</i> | | Audio Aids (universal tools) <i>Student uses a tool to amplify or diminish sound. Audio aids may include: amplification device, noise buffer (headphones, earbuds), or white noise machine.</i> |
| Magnification | Magnification/Enlargement Device (accessibility feature) <i>Student uses external magnification or enlargement devices to increase the font or graphic size (e.g., projector, CCTV, eye-glass mounted or hand-held magnifiers, electronic magnification systems, etc.).</i> | | | Magnification Tool (accessibility feature) <i>The embedded magnification tool increases the size of the text and graphics only in the selected area. The magnification tool is attached to the cursor so it will highlight any section the mouse hovers over.</i> | Magnification Tool <i>Magnification allows test administrators to choose the degree of screen magnification during assessment. Test administrators can choose between a magnification of 2x, 3x, 4x, or 5x.</i> | Low-Vision Aids or Magnification Devices (universal tool) <i>Student uses a magnifier button to increase the size of graphics and text by 1.5x or 2.0x.</i> |
| | | | | Increase/Decrease Size of Text and Graphics (accessibility feature) <i>Computers, laptops, and tablets provide zoom-in and zoom-out functions. Projection systems, video magnifiers, and smart boards may also be used to increase the size of</i> | | |

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| | | the text and graphics. Zoom may also be used to reduce the size of the text or graphics in order to view more item information on one page. | | |
| Large Print Edition | Large Print Edition <i>Student with a visual impairment who is unable to take a computer-based assessment uses a large print paper-based form of each assessment.</i> | | n/a | Large Print <i>Available with paper administration only</i> L, R, S, W |
| Paper-Based Edition | Paper-Based Edition <i>Student who is unable to take a computer-based assessment due to a disability may take a paper-based version of the assessment.</i> | Paper Version <i>A Paper Version of the Test may be downloaded and printed from the MSAA Online Assessment System in PDF format. After testing, all printed assessment materials must be given to the TC for secure shredding, and all downloaded files must be deleted from any computer or laptop used for testing.</i> | n/a | Participate in Different Testing Format (Paper) <i>Student who is unable to take a computer-based assessment due to a disability may take a paper-based version of the assessment.</i> |
| Clarification/Repetition of Directions | General Administration Directions Read Aloud and/or Clarified (<i>accessibility feature</i>) <i>Test administrator reads aloud, repeats, and/or clarifies the general administration directions only. No passages or test items may be clarified. A student may raise his or her hand and request the directions be repeated.</i> | | | Repeat Item Audio (RA) <i>May be used to support students who need repetition based on language and processing needs or attention/focus needs due to a documented disability.</i> L, S, W |

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| Directions Available in ASL | Human Signer for Test Directions (ASL video option not available) <i>Human signer signs the test directions to a student. The student may either be tested in a small group or a separate setting based on the student's experiences during classroom assessments.</i> | | | Sign Language <i>For students who use American Sign Language (ASL), Pidgin Sign English (PSE), or Sign Exact English (SEE), the TA may translate passages, items, answer options, and directions. Review the vocabulary lists for ELA and Mathematics to determine which words the student may need practice with prior to testing. Required Documents: It is important to adhere to the Sign Language Protocol in Appendix C of the MSAA Test Administrator Manual as it will help signers avoid cueing the student.</i> | | Interpreter Signs Test Directions in ASL (SD) <i>May be used to help students who use ASL become familiar with test logistics, directions, and practice items.</i> |
| Student Reads Assessment Aloud to Themselves | Student Reads Assessment Aloud to Him- or Herself (accessibility feature, PNP) <i>Student reads aloud the assessment to themselves. Students may use an external device such as a whisper phone. The student must be tested in a separate setting.</i> | | | n/a | | Read Aloud to Self (administrative consideration) <i>Student reads aloud the assessment to themselves. Students may use an external device such as a whisper phone. The student must be tested in a separate setting.</i> |

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| Masking Tools | Line Reader Mask Tool (accessibility feature) <i>Student can utilize masking tools to cover or uncover portions of the test, including passages or answer options, by using a ruler, blank card, removable markers (e.g., small strips of paper to indicate they are eliminating an answer), or similar items. A student may also utilize electronic masking features (when available), such as a custom on-screen mask or electronic answer eliminator tool.</i> | | | Line Reader <i>The embedded Line Reader tool allows the entire item to be shaded, and an adjustable box allows attention to be focused on one line or a few lines at a time. The box can be adjusted by the student or the TA</i> | Masking Test <i>Test administrators may use a piece of paper to cover portions of the screen to reduce visual clutter without otherwise affecting the information or number of response options.</i> | Line Guide or Tracking Tool (universal tool) <i>Student uses Line Guide tool to guide his or her eyes while reading text on the computer screen.</i> |
| | Answer Masking (accessibility feature, PNP) <i>Student can utilize masking tools to cover or uncover portions of the test, including passages or answer options, by using a ruler, blank card, removable markers (e.g., small strips of paper to indicate they are eliminating an answer), or similar items. A student may also utilize electronic masking features (when available), such as a custom on-screen mask or electronic answer eliminator tool.</i> | | | Answer Masking Tool (accessibility feature) <i>The embedded Answer Masking tool allows students and TAs to electronically cover and reveal individual answer options as needed.)</i> | n/a | n/a |
| | Eliminate Answer Choices/Answer Eliminator (accessibility feature) <i>Student can utilize masking tools to cover or uncover portions of the test, including passages or answer options, by using a ruler, blank card, removable markers (e.g., small strips of paper to indicate they are eliminating an answer), or similar items. A student may also utilize electronic masking features (when available), such as a custom on-screen mask or electronic answer eliminator tool.</i> | | | n/a | | n/a |

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| Markup Tools | Bookmark – flag items for review (accessibility feature) <i>Student uses various markup tools to assist in reading, recalling, and/or emphasizing text, and to flag items for later review. Markup tools can include highlighters, templates, place markers, masking devices, colored overlays, reading guide rulers, blank straight edges or onscreen tools to follow along with each line of text, electronic bookmarking tools.</i> | | | n/a | | n/a |
| | Highlight Tool (accessibility feature) <i>Student uses various markup tools to assist in reading, recalling, and/or emphasizing text, and to flag items for later review. Markup tools can include highlighters, templates, place markers, masking devices, colored overlays, reading guide rulers, blank straight edges or onscreen tools to follow along with each line of text, electronic bookmarking tools.</i> | | | n/a | | Highlight Tool (universal tool) <i>Student uses highlighter button to mark text in yellow. This is only available with mouse control.</i> |
| | Line Reader Mask Tool (accessibility feature) <i>Student uses various markup tools to assist in reading, recalling, and/or emphasizing text, and to flag items for later review. Markup tools can include highlighters, templates, place markers, masking devices, colored overlays, reading guide rulers, blank straight edges or onscreen tools to follow along with each line of text, electronic bookmarking tools.</i> | | | Line Reader Tool (accessibility feature) <i>The embedded Line Reader tool allows the entire item to be shaded, and an adjustable box allows attention to be focused on one line or a few lines at a time. The box can be adjusted by the student or the TA.</i> | n/a | |

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| Read Aloud for Non-ELA/Literacy Assessments | n/a | <p>Text-to-Speech for Mathematics & Science (accessibility feature, PNP)</p> <p>Human Reader/Human Signer for Mathematics (accessibility feature, PNP)</p> <p><i>Student uses a human reader, human signer, text-to-speech function, or audio file to hear the test questions and passages read aloud. Non-ELA/Literacy assessments may include the PARCC Mathematics Assessment and DC Science Assessment.</i></p> | | <p>Audio Player Tool- MSAA Only (accessibility feature)</p> <p><i>The embedded Audio Player reads each line automatically and can be paused, resumed, and made to repeat segments as needed. The pace of reading can be controlled by the student or TA so that text may be slowed or sped up depending on student needs.</i></p> <p>Read Aloud by TA- MSAA Only (accessibility feature)</p> <p><i>The TA may read the directions, answer options, or passage as often as is reasonable to obtain a student's response to an item. All text must be read to students exactly as written, with no paraphrasing or word substitution.</i></p> <p>Alternative Text Read Aloud by TA- MSAA Only (accessibility feature)</p> <p><i>Alternative text includes descriptive statements for graphics (e.g., tables, charts, graphs, timelines, etc.) that may need to be described verbally in order for the student to understand. Alternative text can be read by the embedded Audio Player or the TA. If the TA will read the alternative text, it is included in the DTA and should be read as indicated.</i></p> <p>Sign Language- MSAA Only</p> <p><i>For students who use American Sign Language (ASL), Pidgin Sign English (PSE), or Sign Exact English (SEE), the TA may translate passages, items, answer options, and directions. Review the vocabulary lists for ELA and Mathematics to determine which words the student may need practice with prior to testing. Required</i></p> | | n/a |

Documents: It is important to adhere to the Sign Language Protocol in Appendix C of the MSAA Test Administrator Manual as it will help signers avoid cueing the student.

Spoken Audio- DLM Only

Synthetic Spoken Audio is read from left to right and top to bottom. Three preferences are available for Spoken Audio: text only, text and graphics, and nonvisual (this preference also describes page layout for students who are blind or have visual impairments).

Human Read Aloud- DLM Only

Test administrators may read the assessment aloud to students. Alternate text for test administrators who will deliver the human read aloud will include descriptions of graphics an alternate text descriptions of images.

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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 201-20 | MCAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 (ELs with disabilities) |
| <p>Read Aloud for ELA/Literacy Assessments</p> | <p>ELA/Literacy Assessments, including items, response options, and passages: Text-to-Speech, ASL Video, Human Reading/Human Signer</p> <p><i>Student uses a human reader, human signer, or text-to-speech function to hear the test questions and passages read aloud for ELA/Literacy assessments. This accommodation is intended to provide access to printed or written texts on ELA/Literacy assessments to a very small number of students with print-related disabilities who would otherwise be unable to participate in the assessment because their disability severely limits or prevents their ability to access printed text by decoding. This accommodation is not intended for students reading somewhat (i.e., only moderately) below grade level.</i></p> <p><i>Students with a visual impairment who are unable to read braille, and students with a hearing impairment that severely limits their ability to decode text may also qualify for this accommodation.</i></p> <p><i>For more guidance on the read aloud accommodation, and to access a decision-</i></p> | n/a | n/a | | | <p>Human Reader for Items (HI)</p> <p><i>May be provided to students who have a documented need for an in-person human reader (e.g., lip reading support, support in focusing attention, etc.).</i></p> <p>L, S, W</p> <p>Human Reader for Response Options (HR)</p> <p><i>Only available for the Listening domain and may be used for students who have a documented disability requiring support for reading, print, or focus/attention.</i></p> <p>L</p> |

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| | <p><i>making tool for IEP and 504 teams, please see the PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual, Appendix D: Text-to-Speech, ASL Video, or Human Reader/Human Signer Guidance for English Language Arts/Literacy Assessments.</i></p> | | | | | |
| <p>ASL Presentation of Non-ELA/Literacy Assessments</p> | <p>n/a</p> | <p>ASL Video for the Mathematics Assessments <i>Student views an embedded video of a human interpreter for the assessment. If ASL video is not available, the student should be provided with the human signer accommodation.</i></p> | <p>n/a</p> | <p>Sign Language <i>For students who use American Sign Language (ASL), Pidgin Sign English (PSE), or Sign Exact English (SEE), the TA may translate passages, items, answer options, and directions. Review the vocabulary lists for ELA and Mathematics to determine which words the student may need practice with prior to testing. Required Documents: It is important to adhere to the Sign Language Protocol in Appendix C of the MSAA Test Administrator Manual as it will help signers avoid cueing the student</i></p> | <p>Sign Interpretation of Text <i>Test administrators may sign the content to students using American Sign Language (ASL), Signing Exact English, or personalized signs</i></p> <p>Sign Language-DLM Only <i>The test administrator may sign the text, spelling unfamiliar words and adapting or interpreting the language as needed. The test administrator may use signs that are familiar to the student.</i></p> | <p>n/a</p> |

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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MCAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 (ELs with disabilities) |
| Closed-Captioning of Multimedia | <p>Closed-Captioning of Multimedia on the ELA Assessments</p> <p><i>A student who is deaf or hearing impaired views captioned text embedded in multimedia (i.e., video) segments of the assessment.</i></p> | n/a | | n/a | | n/a |
| Braille Edition | <p>Hard-Copy Braille Edition</p> <p><i>The Braille Edition accommodation is intended for students who are blind or visually impaired. A student who is unable to take the computer-based test with a refreshable braille display (or where refreshable display is not available) may take the assessment using a hard-copy braille edition. Tactile graphics will also be embedded in the hard copy braille edition assessments, when needed.</i></p> | <p>Braille with Tactile Graphics</p> <p><i>Student needs a set of hard copy braille test booklets with embedded tactile graphics.</i></p> | <p>Braille MCAA Only</p> <p><i>Intended for students who are blind or visually impaired. LEAs should inform OSSE about the number of braille copies needed. MCAA forms are available in United English Braille (UEB).</i></p> <p>Braille DLM Only</p> <p><i>The DLM supplies braille forms in uncontracted Unified English Braille (UEB) that may also include Nemeth code as needed. Braille is to be selected only if the student is proficient in reading braille it should not be selected for emerging braille readers. When the system assigns a testlet, the braille form is deliver as a file that will need to be embossed locally and provided to the student. As students take the braille testlet on the embossed paper version, they indicate each response to the test administrator as they normally would on other braille assignments during instruction. The test administrator inputs each student response into the testlet in Student Portal. Responses are scored by the system, in the same way as non-braille forms.</i></p> | <p>Braille with Tactile Graphics (BR)</p> <p><i>May be used to provide access to the assessment for a braille-proficient EL who is blind. Only available for paper-based administration.</i></p> <p>L, R, W</p> | | |

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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MCAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 (ELs with disabilities) |
| Screen Reader Edition | <p>Screen Reader Version</p> <p><i>The Screen Reader Edition accommodation is intended for students who are blind or visually impaired. A student may take the assessment using his or her preferred screen reader software (when available) with a refreshable braille display. For Screen Reader Edition, the student does not use a refreshable braille display or hard copy braille edition because they have either not yet learned, or are unable to use, braille. A student who uses a screen reader or refreshable braille will also need a tactile graphics booklet, consisting only of the graphics portion of test questions, and visual descriptions of pictures and multimedia, where applicable.</i></p> | n/a | | n/a | | n/a |
| | <p>Refreshable Braille Display with Screen Reader Version for ELA Assessments</p> <p><i>The Refreshable Braille Display with Screen Reader accommodation is intended for students who are blind or visually impaired on the ELA assessments. A student may take the assessment using his or her preferred screen reader software (when available) with a refreshable braille display. A student who uses a screen reader or refreshable braille will also need a tactile graphics</i></p> | n/a | | n/a | | n/a |

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| | <p>booklet, consisting only of the graphics portion of test questions, and visual descriptions of pictures and multimedia, where applicable.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Tactile Graphics</p> | <p>Tactile Graphics <i>For Screen Reader Edition, the student does not use a refreshable braille display or hard copy braille edition because they have either not yet learned, or are unable to use, braille. A student who uses a screen reader or refreshable braille will also need a tactile graphics booklet, consisting only of the graphics portion of test questions, and visual descriptions of pictures and multimedia, where applicable. Tactile graphics will also be embedded in the hard copy braille edition assessments, when needed.</i></p> | <p><i>n/a</i></p> | <p>Tactile Graphics <i>Tactile graphics may be used during the Test if they are already used by the student on a regular basis. Review the vocabulary lists for ELA and Mathematics prior to testing to ensure that students have time to learn and become familiar with any new tactile graphics. TAs are responsible for creating any tactile graphics the student may require</i></p> | <p>Paper Braille Tactile Graphics <i>Tactile graphics are not included with the DLM braille forms. Instead, the DLM alternate assessment typically uses objects for concrete representations of content. The test administrator may use familiar objects or create tactile graphics to represent graphics that appear on screen.</i></p> | <p>Braille with Tactile Graphics (BR) <i>Embossed tests with graphics provided in either contracted or uncontracted braille for Tier B.</i></p> <p>L, R, W</p> |
| <p>Redirect Student to Test</p> | <p>Redirect Student to the Test (accessibility feature) <i>The test administrator redirects the student’s attention to the test without coaching or assisting the student in any way. There is no limit to the number of times a test administrator can redirect a student back to the test. Examples: Providing reminders to stay on task and focused during the assessments; Providing a visual cue to the student to remain on task.</i></p> | | | | |

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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MSAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 (ELs with disabilities) |
| Color Contrast | <p align="center">Color Contrast (accessibility feature, PNP)</p> <p><i>Student uses an alternate onscreen background and/or font color based on need or preference.</i></p> | | | <p>Alternate Color Theme Tool (accessibility feature)</p> <p><i>The student or TA can change the onscreen background color and/or text color based on need or preference.</i></p> | <p>Color Contrast</p> <p><i>Allows test administrators to choose from color schemes for the background and font</i></p> <p>Color Overlay</p> <p><i>The test administrators may select from the alternate colors of blue, green, pink, gray, and yellow.</i></p> | <p>Color Contrast (universal tool)</p> <p><i>Student uses an alternate onscreen background and/or font color based on need or preference.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Color Overlay (universal tool)</p> <p><i>Student uses an alternate onscreen background color with black text based on need or preference.</i></p> |
| Unique/ Non-Standard Accommodation | <p align="center">Statewide Unique Accommodation Request</p> <p><i>Student may require a unique/non-standard accommodation that is not listed above, and does not change the construct being measured by the test. A separate request form must be submitted to OSSE for review. Please see http://osse.dc.gov/service/testing-accommodations to access the form and view instructions on submission to OSSE. If approved, the accommodation must be listed in the IEP or 504 plan.</i></p> | | | | | |

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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MCAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 |
| Braille Writer or Note-Taker Device | Braille Note-Taker and Braille Writer <i>A student who is blind or has a visual impairment may use a braille writer or an electronic braille note-taker. If these tools are not available, the student may use a human scribe.</i> | | | n/a <i>Use Human Scribe.</i> | | n/a <i>Use Human Scribe</i> |
| Non-Standard Calculation Device on Calculator Sections | n/a | Calculation Device (on Calculator Sections of Mathematics & Science Assessments) <i>Student uses a specific calculation device that is different from the embedded grade-level calculator on the calculator section of the assessment (e.g., large key, talking, or other adapted calculator).</i> | | Manipulatives for Mathematics <i>Directions for the use of manipulatives are described in the DTA; to the extent possible, these should be the tools the student uses during instruction. Manipulatives are not provided by MCAA because not all students use the same tools. Possible manipulatives and tools required for testing include: 1. Ruler, thermometer, clock, abacus, talking calculator, raised line graph/grid paper, tiles, blocks, etc. 2. Calculator. Each item includes information for the TA on whether a calculator is</i> | Individualized Manipulatives <i>Students may use familiar manipulatives (abacus, unit cubes, interlocking blocks, counters, linking letters).</i> Calculator <i>Students may use a calculator on mathematics test unless it interferes with the construct of the test.</i> | n/a |

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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MCAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 |
| Calculation Device on Non-Calculator Sections | n/a | <p>Calculation Device and Mathematics Tools (on Non-Calculator Sections of Mathematics & Science Assessments)</p> <p><i>The purpose of the calculation device on the non-calculator sections is to provide access for students with a disability that severely limits or prevents their ability to perform basic calculations (i.e., student is unable to perform single-digit addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division). For additional guidance to assist IEP or 504 teams in identifying students for this accommodation, and for a complete list of permissible calculation devices, please review this accommodation in the PARCC Accommodations Manual.</i></p> | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MSAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 |
| <p>Human Scribe, Speech-to- Text, Human Signer, or External Assistive Technology for Selected Responses on ELA/Literacy Assessments</p> | <p>ELA/Literacy Selected Response Options: Speech-to-Text, Human Scribe, Human Signer, External Assistive Technology Device</p> <p><i>Student dictates responses either verbally, using an external speech-to-text device, an augmentative/assistive communication device. The student must be familiar with any assistive technology external device used for test administration. For further guidance on administering this accommodation, please see the PARCC Accommodations Manual, Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation and for Transcribing Student Responses.</i></p> | n/a | | <p>Scribe- MSAA Only</p> <p><i>A TA may record student responses for all or part of the Test, including the writing prompt. Anyone performing as a scribe for the student must read and follow the MSAA Scribe Accommodation Protocol in Appendix A of this document. Here are three ways a scribe can support the student's independence during testing:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. A student is able to use a mouse to select a response to the selected response items but cannot use the keyboard to type a response to the writing prompt. In this case, the scribe can type the student's writing response but may not need to help with any other part of the Test.</i> <i>2. A student is able to use the mouse but becomes physically fatigued easily. The scribe can select the response the student indicates as needed. The scribe can assist with recording and typing the student's writing response.</i> <i>3. A student is able to complete the Paper Version of the Test that the TA printed. The TA enters the student's responses into the MSAA Online Assessment System when the student has completed the Test, after each testing session, or after several items are completed.</i> <p>Test Administrator Entering Student Responses-DLM Only <i>If students are unable to physically</i></p> | <p>Scribe (SR)</p> <p><i>May be used for an EL who:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Has a physical disability that prevents independent computer input even with adaptive equipment.</i> <i>2. Has a physical inability to hold a writing instrument</i> <i>3. Has a physical disability that prevents expressing written communication.</i> <p><i>This includes students with reduced ability to record responses due to pain, fracture, paralysis, loss of function, or loss of endurance.</i></p> <p>L, R, W</p> | |
| <p>Human Scribe, Speech-to- Text, Human Signer, or External Assistive Technology for Constructed Responses on ELA/Literacy Assessments</p> | <p>ELA/Literacy Constructed Response Options: Speech-to-Text, Human Scribe, Human Signer, External Assistive Technology Device</p> <p><i>Student dictates responses either verbally, using an external speech-to-text device, an augmentative/assistive communication device. The student must be familiar with any assistive technology external device used for test administration.</i></p> | n/a | | <p>Test Administrator Entering Student Responses-DLM Only <i>If students are unable to physically</i></p> | | |

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| | <p><i>IEP and 504 teams should consider whether the student has a physical disability that severely limits or prevents the student’s motor process of writing through keyboarding or a disability that severely limits or prevents the student from expressing written language, even after varied attempts to do so.</i></p> <p><i>For further guidance on administering this accommodation, please see the PARCC Accommodations Manual, Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation and for Transcribing Student Responses.</i></p> | | <p><i>input their response options, they may indicate their responses through their typical response mode and/or forms of communication (eye gaze, gesture). Test administrators may key in those responses only when students are unable to independently and accurately record their responses in Student Portal.</i></p> | |
| <p>Human Scribe, Speech-to- Text, Human Signer, or External Assistive Technology for Responses on Non-ELA/Literacy Assessments</p> | | <p>Mathematics Response Options: Speech-to-Text, Human Scribe, Human Signer, External Assistive Technology Device</p> <p><i>Student dictates responses either verbally, using an external speech-to-text device, an augmentative/assistive communication device. The student must be familiar with any assistive technology external device used for test administration. For further guidance on administering this accommodation, please see the PARCC Accommodations Manual, Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation and for Transcribing Student Responses.</i></p> | | <p>n/a</p> |

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| SEDS Statewide Testing Accommodations | PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | MCAA ELA & Mathematics 2019-20 | DLM 2019-20 | ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 |
| Word Prediction External Device | <p>Word Prediction External Device (<i>accessibility feature</i>)</p> <p><i>Student uses and external word prediction device that provides a bank of frequently- or recently-used words onscreen after the student enters the first few letters of a word. The student must be familiar with the use of the device prior to assessment. IEP and 504 teams should consider whether the student has a disability that severely limits or prevents the student from writing or keyboarding responses, or a disability that severely limits or prevents the students from recalling, processing, and expressing written language, even after varied and repeated attempts to do so.</i></p> <p><i>For additional guidance to assist IEP or 504 teams in identifying students for this accommodation, please review this accommodation in the PARCC Accommodations Manual.</i></p> | | | n/a | <p>Word Prediction Software</p> <p><i>Word prediction is an intelligent word processing feature that can alleviate writing breakdowns for a range of students simply by reducing the number of keystrokes necessary for typing words, and it removes motor barriers to typing in order to reduce the gap between generating ideas and capturing them in writing.</i></p> | n/a |
| Answers Recorded in Test Book (Paper-Based Edition) | <p>Answers Recorded in Test Book</p> <p><i>Student records answers directly in the test booklet while taking a paper-based version of the assessment. For further guidance on administering this accommodation, please see the PARCC Accommodations Manual, Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation and for Transcribing Student Responses.</i></p> | | | n/a | | n/a |
| Unique/ Non-Standard Accommodation | <p>Statewide Unique Accommodation Request</p> <p><i>Student may require a unique/non-standard accommodation that is not listed above, and does not change the construct being measured by the test. A separate request form must be submitted to OSSE for review. Please see http://osse.dc.gov/service/testing-accommodations to access the form and view instructions on submission to OSSE. If approved, the accommodation must be listed in the IEP or 504 plan.</i></p> | | | | | |

APPENDIX A: PARCC and DC Science Assessment Accommodations or Accessibility Features Items Not Available for Selection as an Accommodation on the IEP

For administration guidance for the accommodations and accessibility features below, refer to the [PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual](#).

| PARCC ELA 2019-20 | PARCC Mathematics 2019-20 | DC Science 2019-20 | Rationale for not including in SEDS |
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| Assistive Technology | | | List in Assistive Technology section of IEP |
| Notepad <i>(accessibility feature)</i> | | | Feature specific to TestNav platform and available to all students. Documentation not needed. |
| Pop-up Glossary <i>(accessibility feature)</i> | | | Feature specific to PARCC TestNav platform and available to all students. Documentation not needed. |
| Writing Tools <i>(accessibility feature)</i> | | | Feature specific to TestNav platform and available to all students. Documentation not needed. |
| Blank Scratch Paper <i>(accessibility feature)</i> | | | Documentation not needed. |
| Spell Check or External Spell Check Device <i>(accessibility feature)</i> | | | No documentation needed if the student will access the built-in spell check tool available to all students. If an external spell check device is used, it must be listed in the Assistive Technology section of IEP. |
| Monitor Test Response (only available for paper-based assessments) | | | Must use Unique/Non-Standard Accommodation form to request |

APPENDIX B: ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Assessment Accommodations or Accessibility Features Items Not Available for Selection as an Accommodation on the IEP for English Learners with Disabilities

For administration guidance for the accommodations and accessibility features below, refer to the WIDA

[2019-2020 Accessibility and Accommodations Supplement for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0, Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs.](#)

| ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 2019-20 | Description |
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| <i>Audio aids</i> (universal tool) | Can be used to amplify or diminish sounds. |
| <i>Color Contrast</i> (universal tool) | Can be used to change the text and background color. |
| <i>Color Overlay</i> (universal tool) | Can be used to change the contrast between the text and the background color. |
| <i>Highlighters, colored pencil, or crayons</i> (universal tool) | Can be used to mark specific text. |
| <i>Keyboard Navigation</i> (universal tool) | Can be used to change to different areas of the online test screen or move from screen to screen. |
| <i>Line Guide or Tracking Tool</i> (universal tool) | Can guide the student's eyes while reading text on the screen. |
| <i>Low-Vision Aids, or Magnification Devices</i> (universal tools) | Can be used to increase the size of graphics and text. |
| <i>Sticky Notes</i> (universal tools) | Can be used to make notes in preparing responses on the Writing test. |
| <i>Scratch Paper</i> (universal tools) | Can be used for notes, drafts and diagrams. |
| <i>Manual Control of Item Audio</i> | May be used to support students with disabilities who need additional time for language processing or have attention/focus needs to due to a documented disability. |
| <i>Student Responds Using a Recording Device which is played back and transcribed by the student</i> | May be used to support students with writing processing issues, to allow ELs to separate the processes of responding and writing the response. |
| <i>Test may be administered in a non-school setting</i> | May be used to test students who are enrolled but unable to attend school due to hospitalization or other extended absences during the testing window. |
| <i>Word processor or similar keyboarding device to respond to test items</i> | May be used for a student who is unable to keyboard responses directly on the online assessment or use a pencil to respond on the paper-based test. |