



Assessment Accommodations Webinar 2021-2022

Question and Answer Document

Accommodations

Where can we find the new Accommodations Crosswalk?

- The Accommodations Crosswalk for 2021-2022 is available on the Accommodations Training Site
- <https://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/training-accommodations>

ACCESS for ELLs

Does extended time of a domain over multiple days require CDE approval?

- Yes extended time of a domain over multiple days requires CDE approval.

CMAS

When will the CMAS procedures manual for 2022 be available?

- The 2022 CMAS and CoAlt Procedures Manual will be available prior to the DAC trainings for CMAS and CoAlt. Those virtual trainings will take place in November.

For the CMAS assessment, is there a field in the PNP to request large print visual descriptors?

- Visual descriptions are automatically included in large print test kits if there is a need based on the images included in the individual test. The Visual Accommodations field in the PNP is used to indicate the need for Large Print tests, so the need for Visual Descriptors used along with the Large Print tests is not indicated separately.

What is the process for districts to be approved to use speech-to-text software that connects to the internet?

- The STT Security Agreement Supplement and Checklist is located on the Assessment Training Site
- <https://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/training-accommodations>
- For all uses of STT, districts need to submit documentation to CDE for approval (see STT Security Agreement Supplement available on the Accommodations Training Site)
- For additional assistance or if you need additional support, contact Arti Sachdeva

Is Auditory Presentation/ human reader/ text-to-speech allowed for CMAS ELA/CSLA for students with IEPs?

- Districts were provided a transition period during the 2021 administration for auditory presentation of CMAS ELA/CSLA. Auditory presentation is a non-allowable modification. Use of auditory presentation for ELA/CSLA will result in a misadministration.
- For rare situations (i.e., a student who is recently blind yet has not had a chance to learn Braille or tactile code) where special circumstances need to be considered, contact Arti Sachdeva at CDE.

Is there any conversation around building structures to tie growth data from CSLA to ELA when students exit 4th grade?

- Please connect with Dan Jorgensen (Jorgensen_D@cde.state.co.us) for specifics on how growth is calculated and the decisions related to how CSLA and ELA are used.



Unique Accommodation Requests

When will the 2021-2022 UAR Guidance Documents be available?

- UAR Guidance Documents and UAR forms for 2021-2022 are available on the Accommodations Training Site
- <https://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/training-accommodations>

Does using a calculator on the non-calculator section of CMAS math assessments require an approved UAR this year?

- Yes, using a calculator on the non-calculator section of CMAS math assessments requires an approved UAR.

Does Speech-to-text require a UAR this year? Will an approved UAR be required in future years?

- Speech-to-text (STT) for CMAS ELA Constructed Response requires an accommodation as documented on the student's IEP, 504, or EL Plan
- STT for CMAS ELA Constructed Response is under review as a UAR for next year
- STT for the ACCESS for ELLs Writing Domain requires an approved UAR

Does a scribe response on alternate ACCESS require a UAR?

- A scribe on Alternate ACCESS does not require a UAR.

Should the school or district order a paper writing booklet for those that have been approved for the scribe UAR?

- No, that would not be necessary. Some students can access the test through the computer-based assessment. The scribe can type the responses out for the constructed response.
- This applies to both ACCESS for ELLs and CMAS

Does a CMAS sign language interpreter require a UAR?

- A sign language interpreter is an accommodation for CMAS Math and CMAS Science.
- A sign language interpreter scribe for CMAS ELA/CLSA Constructed Response is a UAR.
- A sign language interpreter of the CMAS ELA/CLSA assessment is a non-allowable modification.

Miscellaneous

When are the regular Office Hours for Assessment Accessibilities and Accommodations Students with Disabilities scheduled?

- Wednesday 3:00-3:30: December 8; January 12 & 26; February 9 & 23; Weekly beginning March 9.

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