Accommodations for Florida’s Statewide Student Assessments

FDOE Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

Participation of Students with Disabilities in Statewide Assessment

• FDOE is accountable for the achievement of ALL students and must report the progress of ALL students.

• Federal Legislation requires that students with disabilities participate in statewide testing program and be afforded appropriate accommodations in instruction and assessment as documented in their IEP or Section 504 plan.

Statewide Assessment

• Florida Standard Assessment
• FCAT 2.0
• End Of Course Assessments

☑ SWD in public schools
☑ McKay Scholarship Programs
☑ Residential Settings
☑ Private schools (only on parental request)

Decision Making

• Accommodations should facilitate an accurate demonstration of what the student knows or can do.

• Should not provide an advantage or interfere with the validity of the test and the skills being measured.

Categories of Accommodations

• Flexible Presentation
• Flexible Responding
• Flexible Scheduling
• Flexible Setting

Flexible Presentation
• **Text-to-speech**: Text-to-speech provides an audio presentation of the items (questions) and answer choices for all tests.

• **Sign Language**: of directions, test questions and answer choices.

• **Masking**: allows the student to cover any area of the test page to temporarily hide information that might be distracting.

• **Hardcopy reading passage booklets and writing passage booklets** are available in regular print and large print versions.

• **Specialized keyboard or assistive device** for input, it will be necessary to try out the keyboard or assistive device with the secure test platform.

• **Paper-based versions**: available in regular print, large print, one-item-per-page, and contracted and uncontracted braille as an accommodation.

• **Line Reader** highlights a single line of text with blue.

• **Zoom In, Zoom Out** increases and decreases the size of all of the text and graphics within a single test page.

• **The Calculator** for Grades 7 and 8 FSA Mathematics, Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC and Algebra 2 EOC assessments is an onscreen scientific calculator

• **Reference Sheets** with relevant conversions and formulas are provided online for FSA Mathematics for grades 5 through 8 and EOCs.

• **Stimulus Expansion**: expand or collapse the left section so that it takes up most of the screen.

• **Highlighter**: yellow highlight

• **Color contrast, print size, highlighting, zoom, line reader and magnification, talking calculator.**

• **specialized worksheets, such as paper with raised or colored lines, blank graph paper, math grids or guides**

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• **Flexible Responding**:

  - Student needs monitoring when recording answers to questions.
  - Student must mark answer next to question to be transferred to an answer document or computer form.
  - Use of a specially formatted paper (wide lines, raised, shaded, colored)
  - Large key or display, talking calculator or abacus for visually impaired, Geoboard or math software.
• Manipulatives and materials only to be used in a braille test under specific instructions.
• Real coins can be used to represent coins, not for counting.

Flexible Setting

• Individual or small group setting.
• Study carrel or partitioned area.
• White noise or calming music through headphones
• Opportunity for movement.
• Special Lightning, glare reduction, shade
• Adaptive or special furniture.
• Testing in a familiar place (home) or familiar person.

Flexible Scheduling

• Several brief periods
• Additional time

Note: Requirement: FCAT 2.0 and EOC assessment must be completed within one school day.