

## Accommodations for Florida's Statewide Student Assessments



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## 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.



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## 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)



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## 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.



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## Categories of Accommodations

- Flexible Presentation
- Flexible Responding
- Flexible Scheduling
- Flexible Setting



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## Flexible Presentation



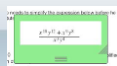
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- **Text-to-speech:** Text-to-speech provides an audio presentation of the items (questions) and answer choices for all tests.
- **Sign Language** of directions, test questions and answer choices.
- **Masking:** allows the student to cover any area of the test page to temporarily hide information that might be distracting.

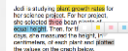


- **Hardcopy reading passage booklets and writing passage booklets** are available in regular print and large print versions.
- **Specialized keyboard or assistive device** for input, it will be necessary to try out the keyboard or assistive device with the secure test platform.
- **Paper-based versions:** 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



## 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 use to represent coins, not for counting.



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## Flexible Setting



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



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## Flexible Scheduling



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- Several brief periods
- Additional time

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



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