

Braille

Description of Accommodation

This accommodation provides brailled test materials to a student with a Visual Impairment (VI) who is unable to access printed test materials.

Assessments

For a student who meets the eligibility criteria, this accommodation may be used on

- STAAR

Student Eligibility Criteria

A student may use this accommodation if he or she

- receives special education or Section 504 services and
- routinely uses braille materials during classroom instruction and classroom testing.

Authority for Decision and Required Documentation

- For a student receiving special education services, the decision is made by the ARD committee based on the eligibility criteria and is documented in the student's IEP.
- For a student receiving Section 504 services, the decision is made by the Section 504 committee based on the eligibility criteria and is documented in the student's IAP.
- In the case of an ELL with a disability, the decision is made by the applicable group above in conjunction with the student's LPAC. The decision is to be documented by the LPAC in the student's permanent record file and by the other applicable group as described above.
- After state testing, BR must be recorded in the ACCOMM. field on the student's answer document or in the Texas Assessment Management System for online administrations.

No Accommodation Request Form required.



Examples/Types

The state provides both contracted and uncontracted braille test materials.

Special Instructions/Considerations

1. A student who uses this accommodation may complete the test in a separate setting to eliminate distractions to other students and to ensure the confidentiality of the test.

2. Student responses on braille tests must be transcribed onto an answer document according to the procedures outlined in the Basic Transcribing and/or Complex Transcribing accommodation policies. If this is not done, the student's test cannot be scored.
3. Specific information about administering braille tests is available in the General Instructions for Administering Braille State Assessments document, located on the TEA's Accommodations for Students with Disabilities webpage.
4. Specific Braille Instructions (SBI) supplement the test administrator manuals. They are shipped with the individual braille kits and posted online. **Test administrators must review these instructions prior to test day to ensure that the test is administered properly.** Testing irregularities could result if the SBIs are not used.