

Individualized Structured Reminders

Description of Accommodation

This accommodation allows a test administrator to provide a student with a disability individualized structured reminders to stay on task during state testing beyond what is required or allowed for any student during the standard administration procedures.

Assessments

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

- STAAR
- STAAR Spanish
- STAAR L
- STAAR A

Student Eligibility Criteria

A student may use this accommodation if he or she

- routinely and effectively uses this accommodation 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.
- For a student not receiving special education or Section 504 services, the decision is made by the appropriate team of people at the campus level (e.g., RTI team, student assistance team) based on the eligibility criteria and is documented according to district policies.
- 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, GA must be recorded in the ACCOMM. field on the student's answer document or in the Texas Assessment Management System for online administrations. This indicates that an allowable general accommodation was made available to the student.

No Accommodation Request Form required.



Examples/Types

This accommodation includes but is not limited to

- paperclips or adhesive notes used to divide test into sections
- more-frequent or less-frequent reminders of time left to test than required in the standard administration procedures
- structured reminders that are part of a behavior plan
- personal timer or clock set to remind a student to move on to the next question, page, or section or to remind a student to stop at preestablished times during the test
- index cards that have handwritten or color-coded reminders to continue working

Special Instructions/Considerations

1. General reminders to stay on task (e.g., test administrator taps student on the shoulder, verbal reminder to continue working) are allowable test administration procedures for any student who needs them per the Allowable Test Administration Procedures and Materials document on the TEA's Accommodations for Students with Disabilities webpage. General reminders are not considered accommodations; however, when a student requires more individualized structured reminders, the appropriate team of people at the campus level need to determine eligibility and document the decision in the appropriate paperwork.
2. 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.
3. Some students might need assistance with certain reminders (e.g., inserting paperclips, setting the timer). This is allowable; however, it is preferable that the student, rather than the test administrator, direct or control the use of the reminder when possible.