Multilingual Learners and the CO School Day Administrations of the PSAT and SAT

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As with other Colorado state content assessments, Multilingual learners are included in the CO PSAT and the CO SAT administration unless the student is excused by their parent/guardian through the standard procedure outlined in the district's state assessment parental excuse policy (C.R.S. §22-7-1013 (8)). Students who are Non-English Proficient (NEP) or Limited-English Proficient (LEP) and first year in a U.S. school may be exempt from the Reading & Writing assessment. However, these students still count as participants for state and federal accountability reporting. Parents/guardians of NEP/LEP Newcomers may choose to have their child participate in the Reading & Writing assessment; in those instances, results are reported for state and federal accountability. There are several assessment supports available for ML students.

Options for all MLs (NEP/LEP)	**Information About Option**
Student tests in a standard testing room.	• The student may use both, either, or neither of the following Multilingual learner supports: an approved word-to-word bilingual dictionary and/or translated test directions. • Pre-approval from CDE or College Board to use this option is not required. • Students using either of these supplementary resources will receive scholarship and/or college- reportable scores.
Student tests in a separate standard testing room with oral presentation of translated test directions in the student's primary/home language.	• The student may choose to use an approved word-to-word bilingual dictionary. • Pre-approval from CDE or College Board to use this option is not required. • Students using this option will receive scholarship and/or college-reportable scores.
Student tests in a 50% extended time accommodations room.	• The student may choose to use: an approved word-to-word bilingual dictionary and/or translated test directions. • Students using this option will receive scholarship and/or college-reportable scores. • The accommodation must be submitted into College Board's SSD Online accommodations system **before March 8, 2027.**
Text-To-Speech for Math Only	• The student may use this accommodation when taking the complete test or when choosing the EL Math Only accommodation. • Students using this option will receive scholarship and/or college-reportable scores. • The accommodation must be submitted into College Board's SSD Online accommodations system **before March 8, 2027.**
Additional option for MLs with an IEP or 504	**Information About Option**
Student tests with other College Board approved accommodations if the student has a disability that qualifies him/her for testing with accommodations.	• The student may choose to use: an approved word-to-word bilingual dictionary and/or translated test directions (does not require pre-approval). • Test accommodations for MLs with an IEP or 504 plan must be submitted into College Board's SSD Online accommodations system **before March 8, 2027.** • Students with disabilities testing with approved College Board test accommodations will receive scholarship and/or college- reportable scores.
Additional option for MLs who are NEP/LEP and who have been in the US for less than one year	**Information About Option**
EL Math Only	• As students using this accommodation will not be completing the Reading and Writing sections of the assessment, the test will launch directly to the Math section upon access. The Reading and Writing section will be disabled and unavailable for these students. • The student will receive the minimum allowable score for the Reading & Writing section on the College Board score report (120 for PSAT 9, 160 for PSAT 10, and 200 for the SAT). This score will not be included in state accountability reporting • First year in US NEP/LEP students are counted as participants for state and federal accountability. For 2026-2027, the cut-off date to be considered first year in US is **April 6, 2026.** • The accommodation must be submitted into College Board's SSD Online accommodations system **before March 8, 2027.** • Students using this option **will** receive scholarship and/or college-reportable scores.

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