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## **Assessment Accommodation Summary Table**

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### **Purpose of the Assessment Accommodation Summary Table**

The purpose of the following information is to provide Michigan educators, parents, and other interested parties a summary of the standard (S) and nonstandard (NS) accommodations for each state assessment included in the State Board of Education adopted *Michigan Educational Assessment System* (MEAS). The MEAS includes the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), MI-Access (Michigan's Alternate Assessment Program), and the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA). In addition to the accommodations for the assessments included in the MEAS, the permitted (P) and not permitted (NP) assessment accommodations for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), and the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) are provided. The permitted and not permitted accommodations for the NAEP and the MME are determined by the NAEP and the assessment being selected for the MME.

The summary table of assessment accommodations is to be used by educators as a reference to determine if an assessment accommodation, that has been determined appropriate for the student, is a standard or nonstandard accommodation for the MEAS, or is permitted or not permitted for the NAEP, MME, and English language learners. It is *not* to be used as a checklist for determining *what* assessment accommodations should be used for a student.

### **Assessment Accommodation Consequences – No Child Left Behind and Michigan Merit Award**

It is important to know whether an assessment accommodation is standard or nonstandard since it can have an impact on whether a school or district meets the No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). At the school, district, and subgroup (ethnicity, economically disadvantaged, English language learners, and Students with Disabilities) levels a minimum of 95% of the students enrolled in each of the grades being assessed must participate in the state's English language arts and mathematics assessments in order to make AYP. If a student uses a nonstandard assessment accommodation, the student's scores on those assessments will not be eligible for the Michigan Merit Award.

A standard assessment accommodation is one that does not change what the specific assessment is measuring. The score received by a student using a standard assessment accommodation would count when calculating NCLB participation rates. A nonstandard assessment accommodation *does* change what the assessment is measuring and results in an invalid score. For example, the MEAP reading assessment is intended to measure how well a student can read through decoding. Therefore, if the reading passages and items are read to a student it becomes a listening assessment and not a reading assessment. Another example is the use of a calculator on any portion of the MEAP mathematics assessments where calculators are not permitted. If a calculator is used on those portions of the test, it becomes a nonstandard assessment accommodation because it changes what the mathematics assessment is measuring. As a result, a student using a nonstandard assessment accommodation will *not* count as being assessed when calculating NCLB participation rates. Another consequence of using a nonstandard assessment accommodation is that the student will not be eligible for the Michigan Merit Award.

**NOTE:** Assessment accommodations not listed in the *Assessment Accommodation Summary Table* are considered nonstandard and state assessment scores accomplished by the use of nonstandard assessment accommodations will not be eligible for the Michigan Merit Award and the student using them will not count as being assessed when calculating NCLB participation rates. For questions – call (517) 241-4416.



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**Assessment Accommodation Summary Table Key**

<b>Terminology</b>	<b>Explanations</b>
MEAP	Michigan Educational Assessment Program
MI-Access	Michigan's Alternate Assessment Program for Students with Disabilities
ELL	English Language Learners
504	General education students who have Section 504 plans under the 1974 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
MI-Access FI	MI-Access Functional Independence assessment
MI-Access SI	MI-Access Supported Independence assessment
MI-Access P	MI-Access Participation assessment
IEP	Individualized Education Program
ELPA	English Language Proficiency Assessment
MME	Michigan Merit Exam
NAEP	National Assessment for Educational Progress
S	Standard assessment accommodation
NS	Nonstandard assessment accommodation
P	Permitted assessment accommodation
P(+)	Not provided by NAEP, but a school, district, or state may provide after fulfilling NAEP security requirements.
*	Accommodation <i>may</i> be permitted. Ask your NAEP assigned school coordinator.
**	The Speaking part of the ELPA <i>must</i> be individually administered.
NP	Not permitted assessment accommodation
NA	Not applicable
Shaded columns	At the time of the June 2005 State Board meeting the MME assessments had not been selected. Accommodations will be indicated once the assessments have been selected.





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	IEP	504	ELL	FI	SI	P	ELL	504	IEP		
10. Provision for assessment administration to student in an interim alternative education setting with appropriate supervision of a school district professional	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		NP
11. Administration of the assessment in a small group	S	S	S	S	S	S	**	**	**		P
12. Administration of the assessment individually	S	S	NA	S	S	S	**	S	S		P
13. Tools to assist with concentration	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		*
14. Qualified person familiar to the student administers the assessment	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		P
15. Appropriate seating, special lighting, or furniture	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		P
16. Able to move, stand or pace during assessment in a manner where others work cannot be seen and is not distracting to others	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		*
17. Background music or noise buffers	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		*
<b>C. Presentation</b>											
18. Use of bilingual word-for-word non-electronic translation glossary for English language learners	S	S	S	S	S	S					NP
19. Use of bilingual dictionaries that define or explain words or terms	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS		NP
20. Use of dictionary, thesaurus, spelling book, or grammar book for mathematics, science, social studies, and English language arts	NS	NS	NS	NS	NA	NA	NS	NS	NS		NP
21a. Use of screen reader for English language arts reading assessment	NS	NS	NS	NS	NA	NA	NS	NS	NS		NP
21b. Use of screen reader for ELPA non-reading parts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	S	S	S		NA
22. Use of an abacus	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA		NP

\*\* The Speaking part of the ELPA *must* be individually administered.



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	IEP	504	ELL	FI	SI	P	ELL	504	IEP		IEP/504
23. Use of arithmetic tables	NS	NS	NS	NS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NP
24. Use of actual coins and bills	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA		*
25. Use of manipulatives for mathematics assessments, such as base 10 blocks	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA		NP
26. Use of state-produced video or audio version of assessment, for English language learners, read in English for a student who is dominant in a native language other than English and determined to be at the basic or lower intermediate English language proficiency levels in the content areas of mathematics, science, and social studies. Also the writing section of the MEAP ELA or MI-Access ELA Expressing Ideas assessment, or the ELPA Listening, Writing, and Speaking sections	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		NA
27. Use of state-produced video or audio version of the assessment, for English language learners, read in English for a student who is dominant in a native language other than English and determined to be at the basic or lower intermediate English language proficiency levels in the reading components of the English language arts assessment and ELPA	NS	NS	NS	S	NA	NA	NS	NS	NS		NA



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	IEP	504	ELL	FI	SI	P	ELL	504	IEP		IEP/504
28. Use of state-produced video or audio version, for English language learners, of the mathematics, science, or social studies assessments read in Arabic or Spanish for a student whose dominant language is Arabic or Spanish and who is determined to be at the basic or lower intermediate English language proficiency levels, and provided that the student is receiving bilingual instruction (e.g., transitional, two-way, or dual language) using the student's native languages in the school setting	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA
29. Reading all directions to the student in the student's native language, provided that the student is dominant in a native language other than English and has been determined to be at the basic or lower intermediate English language proficiency levels and provided that the student is receiving bilingual instruction (e.g., transitional, two-way or dual language) using the student's native language in the school setting	S	S	S	S	S	S	NS	NS	NS		NA
30. Provision for student restatement of directions in the student's own words	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S		P
31. Students asking for clarification of directions	S	S	S	S	S	NA	S	S	S		P



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	IEP	504	ELL	FI	SI	P	ELL	504	IEP		IEP/504
32. Directions provided using sign language	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		P(+)
33. Administration of assessment by Bilingual/ESL staff, or similarly qualified person	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		*
34. Administration of the assessment by person familiar to the student	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		P
35. Any assessment administration not directly supervised by a school district professional	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS		NP
36. Reading the MEAP English Language Arts Listening assessment to the student in his/her native language	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NA	NA	NA		NA
37. Administer assessment sections in any order for English language arts, science, and social studies	S	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA		*
38. Administer assessment sections in any order for Mathematics	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		*
39. Read/repeat directions to the student exactly as worded in the assessment booklet	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		P
40. Emphasis on key words in directions	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		P
41. Provide visual, auditory or physical cues to student to begin, maintain or finish task	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		*
42. Reading aloud the MEAP reading components of the ELA assessment, the MI-Access accessing print assessment to the student, or the ELPA reading section	NS	NS	NS	S	NA	NA	NS	NS	NS		NP





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52. Use of calculator/talking calculator on the noncalculator sections of the mathematics assessment	NS	NS	NA	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NP
53. Use of calculator/talking calculator on the calculator permitted sections of the mathematics assessment	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NP
54. Use of a calculator on the science and social studies assessments	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NP
55. Use of magnification devices	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		P
56. Use of auditory amplification devices or special sound systems	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		*
57. Use of closed circuit television	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		*
58. Student's use of acetate colored shield, highlighters, highlighter tape, page flags, and reading guides	S	S	NA	S	S	S	S	S	S		*
59. Use of non-skid surface that will not damage the answer document or scanning equipment (DO NOT use tape or other adhesive)	S	S	NA	S	NA	NA	NA	S	S		P
60. State-produced Braille and enlarged print versions of assessment	S	S	NA	S	NA	NA	NA	S	S		P(+)
61. State-produced audio versions of the assessments	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	S	S	S		NP
<b>D. Response</b>											
62. Responding in the student's native language to the constructed response items on assessments	NS	NS	NS	NS	NA	NA	NS	NS	NS		NP
63. Oral responses	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		P
64. Use of a scribe for constructed response items (student must indicate punctuation, format and spell all key words) for ELA assessments	S	S	NA	S	NA	NA	NA	S	S		*



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65. Use of a scribe for constructed response items for mathematics, science and/or social studies assessments	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		*
66. Student dictates responses into a tape recorder and teacher transcribes response exactly as dictated for mathematics, science, and social studies assessments	S	S	NA	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NP
67a. Respond in sign language for English language arts	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NA	NA	NA		NP
67b. Respond in sign language for the ELPA Listening and Speaking parts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	S	S		
67c. Respond in sign language for the ELPA Reading and Writing parts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NS	NS		
68. Respond in sign language for mathematics, science and social studies assessments	S	S	S	S	S	S	NA	NA	NA		NP
69. Use of augmentative communication devices	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		*
70. Use of computer or word processor with spell check, thesaurus, and grammar check disabled for ELA assessment	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		P
71. Use of computer or word processor with spell check, thesaurus and grammar check NOT disabled for Mathematics, Science and Social Studies	S	S	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NP
72. Student points to answers or writes directly in assessment booklet (transferred to answer document by teacher)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		P
73. Use of Braillewriter	S	S	NA	S	S	S	NA	S	S		P

