

WIDA ACCESS Accommodations

Overview

Selecting accommodations for WIDA ACCESS assessments moved from WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) to the Washington Assessment Management System (WAMS) in 2026–27. This publication can be used when making accommodations decisions in WAMS. The chart in this publication includes the accommodation name, the acronym used in WAMS, the domains the acronym will automatically be applied to, and important notes regarding selection and materials ordering.

Pre-Select in WAMS

Accommodations listed as pre-select must be applied before the student begins the test. These should be applied in WAMS and given 24–48 to update in WIDA AMS after a successful submission to the Comprehensive Education Data and Systems (CEDARS) application in the Education Data System (EDS).

Pre-Order in WAMS

Accommodations listed as Pre-Order requires additional materials to implement. If selected before the Pre-Identification deadline in early December, the materials will be included in the initial materials order. If selected after the Pre-Identification deadline, districts will need to place an order for the materials in the Additional Materials Order.

Managing Accommodations by Domain

It is important to note that when the accommodation is selected in WAMS, it will be automatically applied to all domains. If the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP)/504 specifies only certain domains, users can make adjustments in Test Management in WIDA AMS.

Guidance on Accommodations in Washington

For guidance on the use and application of WIDA ACCESS accommodations in Washington, use the resources below:

- [Accessibility and Accommodations Manual | WIDA Secure Portal](#): WIDA's complete manual for all accommodations on the WIDA ACCESS.
- [Guidelines on Tools, Supports and Accommodations for State Assessments - GTSA](#): State guidance on the use of accommodations on the WIDA ACCESS.

Additional questions can also be directed to the English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment Coordinator with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI):

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Accommodation	Acronym	Domains Applicable	Notes
Assistive Technology	AT	All four domains	Pre-Select
Braille – UEB Contracted ACCESS Grades 1-5, UEB with Nemeth Grades 6-12	BR – NC	All four domains	Pre-Order Materials
Braille – UEB Uncontracted ACCESS Grades 105, UEB with Nemeth Grades 6-12	BR – NU	All four domains	Pre-Order Materials
Braille – UEB Math/Science Contracted	BR – TC	All four domains	Pre-Order Materials
Braille – UEB Math/Science Uncontracted, or Blank	BR – TU	All four domains	Pre-Order Materials
Extended Speaking Test Response Time	ES	Speaking	Pre-Select
Extended Testing of a Test Domain Over Multiple Days	EM	All four domains	Does not need state approval
In-Person Human Reader	R	Listening, Speaking, Writing	Pre-Order for WIDA ACCESS Paper
Repeat In-Person Human Reader	RP	Listening, Speaking, Writing	Part of IR and needs materials for IR with WIDA ACCESS Paper
Interpreter Signs Test Directions in American Sign Language (ASL)	SD	All four domains	Washington has specific ASL guidance
Large Print	LP	All four domains	Pre-Order Materials
Low Vision Script	LV	All four domains	Pre-Order Materials
Manual Control of Item Audio	MC	Listening, Speaking, and Writing	Pre-Select
Repeat Item Audio	RA	Listening, Speaking, Writing	Pre-Select
Scribe	SR	Listening, Reading, Writing	See WIDA AAM for guidance
Recording Device and Transcription	RD	Writing	
Test Administered in a Non-School Setting	NS	All four domains	
Word Processor or Similar Keyboarding Device	WD	Listening, Reading, and Writing	
Speech to Text	STT	Writing	Pre-Select

