Extra Day

TEA approval IS required.

Description of Designated Support

This designated support allows a student with a disability an extra day to complete a state assessment.

Assessments

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

- STAAR
- STAAR Spanish
- TELPAS

Student Eligibility Criteria

Submit an Accommodation Request Form to TEA if the student

- routinely and effectively uses this designated support during classroom instruction and classroom testing,
- is unable to effectively use any accessibility features (e.g., tools to minimize distractions, individual administration, reminders to stay on task) or locally approved designated supports (e.g., extra time, individualized structured reminders) to address this need, and
- meets at least one of the following.
  - The student has a severe impairment in vision (e.g., uncorrected vision, nystagmus, qualifies for special education services with a Visual Impairment [VI]).
  - The student has a severe behavioral or emotional disabling condition, the manifestation of which makes him or her unable to continue working for a prolonged period of time or during certain times of the day.
  - The student has a severe physical disability or medical condition that limits the amount of time the student is able to continue working due to severe fatigue or decreased energy and stamina.
  - The student is identified with an autism spectrum disorder and will be unable to complete the assessment in one day due to severe behavioral or emotional reactions that cannot be appropriately managed without an additional day of testing.
Authority for Decision and Required Documentation

- 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) and documented according to district policies. The decision should be based on the eligibility criteria and aimed at addressing a student’s consistent academic struggle in a specific area even after intensive instruction and remediation.
- 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 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.
- In the case of an EL 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, XD must be recorded in the ACCOMM. field on the STAAR answer document. For online administrations, the appropriate code (XD or Extra Day) must be recorded in the Assessment Management System.

Special Instructions/Considerations

1. Accommodation Request Forms must be received by TEA according to the posted deadlines. Late requests will NOT be processed unless circumstances involving the student change after the deadline (e.g., newly enrolled student, medical emergency, updated ARD committee decision). In these circumstances, the district testing coordinator should contact TEA’s Student Assessment Division at 512-463-9536 for further instructions.
2. A student who uses this designated support may complete the test in a separate setting to eliminate distractions to other students and to ensure the confidentiality of the test.
3. Receiving an extra day to complete the test is a designated support intended for an extremely small group of students with disabilities who have a TEA-approved Accommodation Request Form. Students will only be permitted to test over two regularly scheduled, consecutive school days. Each day of testing must not extend beyond seven hours. TEA will provide additional guidance specific to scheduling extra day administrations with any approved Accommodation Request Form.
4. For students who take the braille test and require an extra day, refer to the General Instructions for Administering Braille Versions of State Assessments on the Accommodations Resources webpage. TEA approval is not required.
5. For grades 2–12 TELPAS, Extra Day only applies to the online and paper reading test and the online listening and speaking test. This designated support does not apply to any holistically-rated domain, since those are assessed during authentic classroom activities and the same accommodations routinely used during classroom instruction are acceptable.