

Large Print

Description of Accommodation

This accommodation provides a student with enlarged test materials when he or she has a disabling condition that limits the ability to effectively access test materials in standard print size.

Assessments

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

- STAAR
- STAAR Spanish

For information about STAAR L, STAAR A, and TELPAS grades 2–12 reading large-print accommodations, refer to the “Special Instructions/Considerations” section.

Student Eligibility Criteria

A student may use this accommodation if he or she

- routinely and effectively uses large-print materials, including text books, worksheets, etc., during classroom instruction and testing, and
- meets at least one of the following.
 - The student has an impairment in vision (e.g., uncorrected vision, nystagmus, qualifies for special education services with a Visual Impairment [VI]).
 - The student has a disability that affects his or her accuracy in tracking letter to letter, word to word, or line to line.
 - The student has a physical disability which necessitates the use of large-print materials.

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 should be 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, LP must be recorded in the ACCOMM. field on the student’s answer document or in the Assessment Management System for online administrations.

No Accommodation Request Form required.



Examples/Types

Not applicable because the state provides large-print test materials.

Special Instructions/Considerations

1. In most cases, large-print test materials should be ordered only for a student with an impairment in vision.
2. The ordering process of large-print materials will be closely monitored to ensure districts are ordering only for those students who meet the eligibility criteria.
3. Student responses on large-print tests must be transcribed onto an answer document according to the procedures outlined in the Basic Transcribing and/or Complex Transcribing accommodation policies. If this is not done, the student's test cannot be scored.
4. Specific information about large-print test materials is available in the document titled "General Instructions for Administering Large-Print State Assessments," located on the Accommodations for Students with Disabilities webpage.
5. Refer to the Font and Point Sizes Matrices located on the Accommodations for Students with Disabilities webpage for point sizes and fonts used on all state assessments.
6. If a student needs a test booklet in a larger print size than offered in the large-print test materials provided by the state, refer to the Photocopying Test Materials accommodation policy.
7. TELPAS grades 2–12 reading, STAAR L, and STAAR A are online testing programs. Technology-based accommodations for a student taking an online test enable most students who require large-print test materials to test online. However, in rare instances in which the use of an accommodation is not feasible or appropriate for an online administration, or if the administration of an online test is inappropriate due to a student's particular disability, a special request may be made to TEA for approval to administer a paper test booklet. The request for a large-print paper test booklet, along with the reason this accommodation is needed for a student who meets the eligibility criteria in this document, should be included when a paper administration is requested. The paper administration request document for TELPAS grades 2–12 reading, STAAR L, and STAAR A can be found on the Coordinator Manual Resources webpage.