
ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES: TEST ADMINISTRATIONS COMPARISON

This document provides a reference for implementation of the accessibility resources for the 2023-2024 test administration. Tables listing the Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations show any updates that were made to a resource following the 2022-2023 Test Administration.

There is a table for each category of Accessibility Resources. Each table identifies whether a given resource was available for the 2022-2023 test administration and is available for the 2023-2024 test administration. Each table also includes details on the updates to the implementation of a given accessibility resource. Updates are in highlighted cells within each table. Full descriptions of the accessibility resources are found in the [Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines](#). Brief definitions are available here:

- ▶ **Universal tools** are accessibility resources that are available to participating students, based on student preference and selection.
- ▶ **Designated supports** are those features that are available for use by **any student** for whom the need has been indicated by an educator or team of educators with parent/guardian and student.
- ▶ **Accommodations** are changes in procedures or materials that increase equitable access during the Smarter Balanced assessments by generating valid assessment results for students who need them and allowing these students to show what they know and can do. Smarter Balanced members have identified digitally-embedded and non-embedded accommodations for students for whom there is documentation of the need for the accommodations in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan.

Table 1: Embedded Universal Tools Available on the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Test Administrations

Universal Tool	2022-2023	2023-2024
Breaks	Yes	Yes
Calculator (for calculator-allowed items only, grades 6-8 and HS) (See Non-embedded Accommodations for students who cannot use the embedded calculator)	Yes	Yes
Digital notepad	Yes	Yes
English dictionary (for ELA performance task full writes)	Yes	Yes
English glossary	Yes	Yes
Expandable passages and/or items	Yes	Yes
Global notes (for ELA performance tasks)	Yes	Yes
Highlighter	Yes	Yes
Keyboard navigation	Yes	Yes
Line reader	Yes	Yes
Mark for review	Yes	Yes
Math tools	Yes	Yes
Spell check	Yes	Yes

Universal Tool	2022-2023	2023-2024
Strikethrough	Yes	Yes
Thesaurus (for ELA performance task full writes)	Yes	Yes
Writing tools	Yes	Yes
Zoom	Yes	Yes

Table 2: Non-Embedded Universal Tools Available on the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Test Administrations

Universal Tool	2022-2023	2023-2024
Breaks	Yes	Yes
English dictionary (for ELA performance task full writes)	Yes	Yes
Scratch paper	Yes	Yes
Thesaurus (for ELA performance task full writes)	Yes	Yes

Table 3. Embedded Designated Supports Available on the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 Test Administrations

Designated Support	2022-2023	2023-2024
Color contrast	Yes	Yes
Illustration glossaries (for math items)	Yes	Yes
Masking	Yes	Yes

Designated Support	2022-2023	2023-2024
Mouse pointer (size and color)	Yes	Yes
Streamline	Yes	Yes
Text-to-speech (for math stimuli and items and ELA items, not for reading passages) (See Embedded Accommodations for ELA reading passages)	Yes	Yes
Text-to-speech in Spanish (for math items)	Yes	Yes
Translated test directions (for math items)	Yes	Yes
Translations (glossaries) (for math items)	Yes	Yes
Translations (dual language) (for math items)	Yes	Yes
Turn off any universal tools	Yes	Yes

Table 4. Non-Embedded Designated Supports Available on the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 Test Administrations

Designated Support	2022-2023	2023-2024
Amplification	Yes	Yes

Designated Support	2022-2023	2023-2024
		Updated verbiage (Recommendations for Use): “Students may use amplification assistive technology (e.g., headphones, FM System) to increase the volume provided in the assessment platform.”
Bilingual dictionary (for ELA performance task full writes)	Yes	Yes
Color contrast	Yes	Yes
Color overlays	Yes	Yes
Illustration glossaries (for math items, paper/pencil assessment)	Yes	Yes
Magnification	Yes	Yes
Medical supports	Yes	Yes Updated verbiage (Description): “Students may have access to medical supports for medical purposes (e.g., Glucose Monitor, Bluetooth hearing aids).”
Noise buffers	Yes	Yes
Printed test directions in English	No	Yes
Read aloud (for math stimuli and items and ELA items, not for reading passages) (See Non-embedded Accommodations for ELA reading passages)	Yes	Yes

Designated Support	2022-2023	2023-2024
Read aloud in Spanish (for mathematics, all grades)	Yes	Yes
Scribe (for all items except ELA performance task full writes) (See Accommodations for ELA performance task full writes)	Yes	Yes
Separate setting	Yes	Yes
Simplified test directions	Yes	Yes
Translated test directions	Yes	Yes
Translated test directions in American Sign Language (ASL)	No	Yes
Translations (glossaries) (for math items, paper/pencil assessment)	Yes	Yes

Table 5. Embedded Accommodations Available on the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 Test Administrations

Accommodation	2022-2023	2023-2024
American Sign Language (ASL) (for ELA listening items and math items)	Yes	Yes

Accommodation	2022-2023	2023-2024
Braille	Yes	Yes
Braille transcript (ELA listening passages)	Yes	Yes
Closed captioning (for ELA listening items)	Yes	Yes
Speech-to-text	Yes	Yes
Text-to-speech (available for ELA reading passages, all grades)	Yes	Yes
Word prediction	No	Yes

Table 6. Non-Embedded Accommodations Available on the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 Test Administrations

Accommodation	2022-2023	2023-2024
100s number table	Yes	Yes
Abacus	Yes	Yes
Alternate response options	Yes	Yes
Braille (paper/pencil assessment)	Yes	Yes
Calculator (for calculator allowed items only, grades 6-8 and HS)	Yes	Yes

Accommodation	2022-2023	2023-2024
Multiplication table	Yes	Yes
Print on demand	Yes	Yes
Read aloud (for ELA reading passages, all grades) (See Designated Supports for ELA items and math items)	Yes	Yes
Scribe (for ELA performance task full writes) (See Designated Supports for math and other ELA items)	Yes	Yes
Speech-to-text	Yes	Yes
Word prediction	Yes	Yes Updated verbiage (Recommendations for Use): “Word prediction allows students to begin writing a word and choose from a list of single words that have been predicted from word frequency and syntax rules. Word prediction is delivered via a non-embedded software program. The program must use only single word prediction. Functionality such as phrase prediction, predict ahead, or next word will be unavailable.”