

Iowa Assessments® Accommodations

There is no finite list of accommodations that are permitted when using the Iowa Assessments. Rather, the national standardization process instructed each school district to apply its policies on IEP or 504 Plans as they related to test administration. The resulting norms included students who were administered the assessments using a variety of accommodations and modifications.

Accommodation	Allowable if specified in students' IEP or 504 Plans	Considerations for Interpretation of Norms
Read-aloud (which would include text-to-speech assistive technology, in either hardware or software form)	✓	NOT ALLOWED ON READING TEST. If used on the Reading Test, the score will be invalidated by the Iowa Department of Education for State and Federal Accountability purposes. No impact on norms for other subject tests.
Extended time	✓	No impact on norms.
Assistive Technology – Includes: • Amplification equipment • Noise buffers; • Magnifying devices; • Non-calibrated ruler or template; • Communication boards or devices; • Talking calculators; • Speech-to-text software or devices;	✓	Norms should be interpreted with caution if dictionaries or other reference materials are allowed for reading and vocabulary tests. (Note: see above for restrictions on use of text-to-speech technology.)

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• Close-captioned or video materials; • Audio file of state-required assessment; • Cranmer Abacus; • Auditory trainer; • Electronic dictionaries; and • Refresher Braille; • Signing avatar; • Word prediction; and • Screen readers.		
Calculators: subjects other than Math Computation	Allowed for all students.	No impact on norms.
Calculators: Math Computation Test	✓	Norms should be interpreted with caution if calculators are allowed for Math Computation.
Manipulatives	✓	No impact on norms.
Reinforcement and behavioral modification strategy	✓	No impact on norms.
Interpreters for students with deafness or hearing impairment	✓	No impact on norms.
Simplified language and oral native language support for LEP students	✓	No impact on norms.