

2020-21 OSTP EL Accommodations Manual Change Log

Overarching Changes:

- Language and formatting updates for clarity
- External hyperlinks to additional resources and webpages
- Intra-document hyperlinks to additional information on a given topic
- Updated pronoun usage has been to be gender neutral

“State Testing Accommodations for Monitored English Learners” Section:

Pages 3-4,

- Updated text and table formats/colors to improve accessibility
- In the numbered list and table, Scenario 1 students can be provided accommodations at the discretion of the local school district.

“Students Dually Identified as English Learners with a Disability” Section:

Pages 5-6,

- Changed all mentions “EL Student Assessment Participation Plan” to “English Language Academic Plan”
- Updated answer to Q3 about test exemptions for dually identified students-
 - “EL students **may NOT be exempted** from any of the OSTP subject area tests. ELs must take all appropriate grade level tests*

Additionally, an EL student with disabilities may participate in an alternative assessment if eligibility requirements are met. For detailed information on assessment participation of students with disabilities, refer to [OSTP Accommodations for Students with an Individualized Education Program \(IEP\) or Section 504 Plan Manual](#).

**In an EL’s first year in U.S. schools, their scores will not count toward district accountability measures. In their second year of testing in U.S. schools, their scores will only count toward district accountability measures using a progress measurement, with their first year’s scores establishing their baseline. In their third year of testing in U.S. schools, their scores will fully count toward district accountability measures.”*

“Test Formatting and Spanish Translation Options” Section:

Page 9, Table

- Updated text and table formats/colors to improve accessibility
- Updated information to match available options and modes of administration to match 2021 Spring administration procedures
 - All assessments for all grade levels are available online in English.
 - Grades 3-8 Math, Grades 5 & 8 Science, and Grade 11 CCRA: U.S. History and Science Content are available online in Spanish with Spanish Text-to-Speech.
 - Grades 3-8 Math, Grades 5 & 8 Science, and Grade 11 CCRA: U.S. History and Science Content are available in paper format in English and accompanying Spanish audio files will be available for download.
 - There are **no** paper tests in Spanish available for the Spring 2021 OSTP administration.

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- Spanish administration instructions are available in the [Test Administration Manual \(TAM\)](#).
- [Parent Student Teacher Guides \(PSTGs\)](#) are available digitally in both English and Spanish.

“EL CCRA: SAT/ACT Accommodations & Supports” Section:

Page 10,

- Updated text and table formats/colors to improve accessibility
- Updated external hyperlinks to College Board and ACT resources
- Added language in the table about typical accommodation and support requests that are appropriate to produce valid, college reportable scores.

“EL OSTP & CCRA: Science & U.S. History Content Accommodations” Section:

Pages 11-14,

- Added a bulleted list of assessments for which the table is applicable
- Updated the “Table Key” for clarity