Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP)
Accommodation Overview
Today we will provide an overview of the Oklahoma School Testing Program Accommodations, including:

- Emergency Accommodation and the appropriate Emergency Accommodation form (Form EA)
- Test Formatting options for Paper-based tests and Computer-based tests
- Standard Accommodations to include: Setting/Timing, Presentation, and Response
- Revised Calculator Policy
- Nonstandard Accommodations: ELA Read-aloud accommodation and Unique Accommodation
What is an Emergency Accommodation?

The school principal (or designee) determines that a student requires an emergency accommodation (e.g., broken hand); Form EA must be completed and submitted to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) for approval.

Scribes may be provided to a student (with or without an IEP or Section 504 plan) who has a short-term medical condition that affects physical dexterity which impedes the ability to respond to the assessment format.
Upon determination that a student may need an emergency accommodation, the completed EA form is submitted to the DTC where it is filed in the testing archives. A copy is retained by the DTC at the central office.
Infographic of the Test Formatting Options.

Paper tests are provided for 3-5 ELA/Math/Science/ and Braille tests.

Large print tests may be provided in a paper format or online format. Online testing will allow for up to 150% magnification.
What is a Standard Accommodation?

For the purposes of the OSTP, a **standard accommodation** is defined as a change in the routine conditions under which students take OSTP tests that does not alter what the test is intended to measure. Standard accommodations are grouped into the following four categories: timing, setting, presentation, and response.
Who may receive these accommodations?

Students with a disability that are documented in a current IEP or a 504 plan. Accommodations that are routinely used during classroom instruction and assessment. Accommodations that are needed for the student to access and participate in the OSTP assessments. Only State approved accommodations may be used on assessments.
Individuals may access the “OSTP Accommodations for students with an IEP or Section 504 Plan.” It is a document that is included as part of the Test Administration procedures for the Oklahoma School Testing Program for administering specific accommodations. Reference to approved Oklahoma testing procedures is addressed.

The first set of standard accommodations that will be addressed are Setting/Timing Accommodations.

Some of the major changes or points of clarification include:
Addition of Procedures & Guidance  
Online testing client capable of multiple day test sessions.  
Frequent Breaks vs. Several Sessions  
Indicate paired accommodations  
(S1) Individual, (S2) Small Group, (S4) Separate Location &  
(T2) Administer Subject Area Test over several sessions
### Setting/Timing Accommodations

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<td>This accommodation is required for many presentation or response accommodations. This accommodation is intended to reduce student distractions. Students must be actively monitored and may use a testing carrel or test in a special education resource room or other location that maintains test security.</td>
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<td>S3. Preferential seating</td>
<td>Students may need to sit close to the front of the room so they can see or hear more easily, increase physical access, or have access to special equipment.</td>
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<td>S5. Provide special lighting</td>
<td>Specify type (e.g., 75 Watt incandescent, light box, etc.)</td>
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<td>S6. Provide adaptive or special furniture</td>
<td>Students may need accommodations to provide better access (e.g., slant board, stander, etc.)</td>
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The left hand column on following table provides the name of the accommodation and the corresponding SEAS code (e.g., S1, T1, etc.). SEAS is the program many school districts use for electronic copies of IEP records.

The right hand column provides procedures and guidance for each of the accommodations.
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<td>Students are scheduled to allow for the best conditions/timing for their performance, and/or may be allowed to take the test during more than one sitting during a single day. Students are not allowed to study for or discuss tests between sessions. This is not intended for lunch or recess breaks. (S4) must be selected for this accommodation.</td>
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<td><strong>T3. Allow frequent breaks during testing (maximum 20 minutes)</strong></td>
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Frequent breaks and administering test over several sessions are differentiated in the following way:

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There have been several notable changes to the Presentation accommodations. Red text represents new or substantially revised accommodations.

**P1. Alternate Formats**
- A. Large-Print Version
- B. Contracted Braille Version
- C. Large-print through Online Testing Client (Added Guidance)

**P2. Reverse Color Contrast** (online only)

**P3. Use of AT device or Support**
- Low tech to high tech AT devices or supports may be used. Features that may interfere with the content being measured must be disabled.

**P4. Text-to-Speech, Human Reader, Sign Language Interpretation** (*new; excludes ELA/Reading tests*)
- Text-to-Speech is the preferred method and refers to the computer synthesized text reading by the online testing client
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- **P5. Use of Secure Braille Note-taker**
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The OSTP Accommodations link provides access to the full IEP/504 OSTP Accommodations Manual
Small changes to the calculator policy were also made. A scientific calculator will be universally allowed for students on the Grade 8 Science OCCT. All other portions of the calculator policy will remain the same.
The following provides special guidance for providing paper & pencil test forms to students unable to access computer-based tests.

IEP/504 teams are encouraged to provide students with disabilities the same test formats provided to their non-disabled peers based on the test formatting options listed above. IEP/504 teams should base their decision upon individualized, objective evidence to determine whether a student may or may not be able to access a computer-based test. Students unable to access an OSTP computer-based test must also receive classroom assessments, benchmark assessments, and districtwide assessments in this manner.
Response Accommodations

- R1. A student marks answers in test book for later transfer by Test Admin. (no change)
- R2. Scribe ELA, Math, Science, or Social Studies or Student uses a Speech-to-Text conversion device.
  - Specific procedures included for Scribing and Transcribing
  - The guiding principle in scribing is to assist the student in accessing the test and responding to it.
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Nonstandard Accommodation Process

Review the OSTP ELA/Reading Test Read-Aloud Nonstandard Accommodation Rubric eligibility criteria.

Gather documentation and complete the OSTP ELA/Reading Test Read-Aloud Nonstandard Accommodation Rubric.

Submit all documentation as outlined in the Rubric in a combined PDF file (30 MB Max). Files must be named as follows: “Last name, First Name, MI NS1”. Name and STN must match WAVE entry, otherwise file review will be delayed or rejected.

OSDE communicates to district through the Nonstandard Accommodation Application.

Read process blocks verbatim.
Nonstandard Accommodation: Key Dates

- Requests for Optional Retest/Winter/Trimester
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- **NS1. Text-to-Speech, Human Reader, or Sign Language Interpreter Accommodations for the English Language Arts/Reading Assessments.**
  - Text-to-Speech is built into the testing client and requires the use of ear phones and may be administered individually or small group (preferred method).
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  - Sign Language Interpretation may be accomplished by using a separate test booklet.
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- This accommodation must be determined by the following three-prong approach:

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3. The IEP or Section 504 team will utilize and provide the required documentation from the ELA/Reading Read-Aloud Protocol; this includes the use of the Protocol for Accommodations in Reading (PAR) or the AIM Navigator for deaf or blind students, and must be uploaded into the Single Sign-on Application for consideration of approval by the State Department of Education.

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Score reports for students receiving a read-aloud on an ELA/Reading test will indicate the student received this nonstandard accommodation during test administration.

✓ Parental notification and consent are required.
The following is general information regarding the Protocol for Accommodations in Reading, a more detailed look at the PAR will be provided later in the presentation.

This protocol is used to help make informed decisions on accommodated reading strategies to support instruction
Examine the effectiveness of reading accommodations to help a student access the curriculum
Designed for disabilities (other than low incidence disabilities such as multiple disabilities, deaf/blind)

- AIM Navigator is more appropriate for low incidence populations.
Unique Accommodations (NS2)

- A unique accommodation is a nonstandard accommodation that requires changes or alterations to the test materials/booklet or media presentation.

- The unique accommodation must be one that is regularly used by the student for classroom instruction, must be on the student’s IEP, and must not alter the underlying content of the assessment.

- The requested accommodation must not impact the reliability or validity of the test.

The next nonstandard accommodation discussed will be the Unique Accommodation (NS2). So, what is a unique accommodation?

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- The unique accommodation request must be electronically submitted to the OSDE for approval through the Single Sign On.
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This concludes the Accommodation Overview training, however the video will continue with guidance for administering the Protocol for Accommodations in Reading.

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