

Standard Accommodations for Statewide Assessment

South Dakota will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment for English Languages Arts and Mathematics at grades 3-8 & 11. At the time of this publication, the accommodations for those assessments have not been released. Below are the allowed accommodations for Dakota STEP Science that will be administered at grades 5, 8 & 11.

Science		Accommodation Codes	Accommodations for Special Populations	
IEP/504	LEP		Presentation Accommodations	
✓		1	Large-print test booklets and/or answer documents	
✓		2	Visual aids (magnifiers, templates)	
✓		3	Sign language (ASL, cued speech)	
		4	Abacus for visually impaired VI students	
✓		5	Braille test booklets	
✓	✓	6	Test Items read aloud (does NOT include <i>Reading Comprehension</i> passages)	
✓	✓	7	Repeating and/or simplifying directions	
✓		8	Amplification equipment (hearing aid, auditory trainer)	
✓		9	Audio amplification equipment	
✓		10	Talking calculators provided the student is tested individually or with the use of headphones.	
			Response Accommodations	
✓		11	Responses marked directly in test booklet or on large print answer document, also includes oral, sign language, Braille, and recorded responses to test items (answers must be transcribed to scorable answer document by scribe)	
✓		12	Large-diameter pencil, pencil grip, special pencil or pen	
	✓	13	Use of dictionaries, word lists, glossaries	
✓	✓	14	Visual organizers (i.e. templates, masks, markers, graph paper, rulers)	
			Setting, Timing, and Scheduling Accommodations	
✓	✓	15	Environmental modifications (i.e. special lighting, adaptive or special furniture, location with minimal distractions, noise buffers, carrels, special seating)	
✓	✓	16	Small group administration	
✓	✓	17	Individual administration	
✓		18	Home/Hospital Setting	
✓	✓	19	Flexible schedules (i.e. time of day, multiple breaks, etc.)	
		20	Other (with prior approval from SD DOE)	

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