

Testing Accommodation Updates

2022–23 State Testing Accommodation Update

The *Scheduled Extended Time* accommodation language for writing Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 Plans, English Learner (EL) plans, and transitory impairment plans will be revised for the 2022–23 school year.

When teams or committees meet annually to update student plans, and it is determined extended time is appropriate for a student, the team or committee is expected to determine and document the exact amount of additional time the student will be provided after the standard testing time has expired.

- Students are not required to use any or all of the additional time given to them as part of their plan.
- If the student is still testing when the additional time has been reached the test administrator must conclude the testing session.

Extended time should be written in terms of a multiple of the designated administration time (e.g., 1.5 times the designated administration time) or as a specified amount of time (e.g., one hour beyond the designated administration time). To help facilitate the documentation of breaks, attached is a chart that documents work time segments, breaks, and maximum test time allowed on state tests.

Students provided the *Scheduled Extended Time* accommodation without the additional accommodation of *Multiple Testing Sessions* are expected to complete the test in one school day.

2021–22 ACT Accommodations Policy Update

Beginning with the 2021-22 testing year, students who already receive accommodations through an IEP, 504 Plan, or EL Plan, will automatically be eligible to receive the allowable testing accommodations when they register for the ACT with accommodations. ACT will approve allowable accommodations already included in students' Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) or Section 504 plans.

ACT will continue to offer accommodations to test-takers who do not have a current IEP or Section 504 plan using the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standard to determine whether there is a "physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity" and whether the requested accommodations are reasonable for the ACT test.

For additional information, refer to the:

- Press release from July 21, 2021 [here](#), and the
- [FAQs: ACT's Policy for Requesting Accommodations on the ACT Test](#)