**Accommodations for English Language Learners**

**and Students with Disabilities:**

**A Research-Based Decision Algorithm**

Table 4.

*Overall Decisions for Accommodation Use for Students with Disabilities*

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| Accommodation | Overall Usage Decision |
| Test administration directions that are simplified or clarified (does not apply to test questions) | Use  Access |
| Test questions read aloud to student or use audio, not visual CD presentation (Math, Science, History/Social Science only, not ELA) | Use/ Minor Risk |
| Test questions read aloud to student by teacher or electronic media-ELA | Use/ Minor Risk  Access |
| Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present directions for administration | Use/ Minor Risk |
| Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present test questions (Math, Science, History/Social Science) | Use/ Minor Risk |
| Manually Coded English or American Sign Language to present test questions-ELA | Use/ Minor Risk |
| Large-print versions/ Test items enlarged if font larger than required on large-print versions | Use  Access |
| Braille transcriptions provided by the test contractor | Use/ Minor Risk |
| Calculator on mathematics tests (if not part of the focal construct) | Use  Access |
| Calculator on the science tests (if not part of the focal construct) | Use/ Minor Risk  Access |
| Arithmetic table or formulas (not provided) on the mathematics tests if not part of the focal construct | Use/ Minor Risk  Access |
| Arithmetic table or formulas (not provided) on science tests if not part of the focal construct | Use/High Risk |
| Math manipulatives on mathematics tests (if they don’t interact with intended construct) | Use/Moderate Risk |
| Math manipulatives on science tests (if they don’t interact with intended construct) | Use/Moderate Risk |
| Commercial Dictionary | Not Use |
| Customized Dictionary/glossary (content-related terms removed) | Use  Access |
| Pop-up Glossary (CBT) (content related terms excluded | Use  Access |
| Computer Use (including word processing software with spell and grammar check tools turned off for essay responses to writing portion of a test) | Use  Access |
| Audio amplification equipment | Use/ Minor Risk, Access |
| Colored overlay, mask, or other means to maintain visual attention | Use/ Minor |
| Special lighting or acoustics; special or adaptive furniture such as keyboards, larger/anti-glare screens | Use/ Minor Risk |
| Visual magnifying equipment | Use/ Minor Risk  Access |
| Assistive device that does not interfere with the independent work of the student on the multiple-choice and/or essay responses (writing portion of the test) (i.e. handheld optical magnifiers, screen readers, magnification software, speech recognition system, physical supports or assists   |  | | --- | |  | | Use/ Minor Risk |

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