



NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Guidance on Exceptional Accommodations for North Dakota State Assessments

Students may have an accommodation on their IEP/504 plan that is not listed as an approved state accommodation. In rare instances, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) will approve this “Other” accommodation for use during state testing. These accommodations should be used during classroom instruction and assessments on a regular basis and the student should be proficient with its use.

Only a very limited number of students who meet specific guidance criteria may use the accommodation on North Dakota State Assessments and receive a valid score. Standard accommodations for all North Dakota State Assessments are listed in the *North Dakota Accessibility Manual*.

The special education director/coordinator, district test coordinator, or EL coordinator must submit a *Unique Accommodation Request* to the NDDPI for approval.

If the request is approved by the NDDPI, the student may receive a valid score on the assessment when using this accommodation.

If the accommodation request is not approved and the student used the accommodation on North Dakota State Assessments, the district may be instructed to mark the assessment as having a non-approved accommodation. This will result in the score being invalidated or suppressed and the student being considered a “non-participant” for the assessment.