



# FAQ WY-TOPP ACCOMMODATIONS

## WHICH STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS?

To meet the needs of Wyoming students, accommodations are allowed in specific situations to enable students to better demonstrate their knowledge. Accommodations are determined by an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 team.

## WHAT ARE THE AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR WY-TOPP?

A list of the most commonly used Accommodations is provided below. It is not an exhaustive list. For a complete list, please review the Guidance for Accessibility and Accommodations manual.

- Color Contrast
- Line Reader
- Masking
- Spanish Translation
- American Sign Language
- Braille
- Braille Transcript
- Closed Captioning
- Print-on-demand
- Streamlined Mode
- Text-to-Speech (TTS)
- TTS Tracking
- Zoom

## HOW WILL THE ACCOMMODATIONS BE ADMINISTERED FOR WY-TOPP?

Accommodations for WY-TOPP are organized in a three-tiered system: Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations. Universal Tools are available to all students. Designated Supports can be provided to students based on decisions made by school-based intervention teams or supports are documented in a student's Individual English Learner Plan (IELP). Accommodations are supports that are identified on IEPs or 504 Plans.

## WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS ARE ON THE WY-TOPP WITH ACCOMMODATIONS?

All items will be presented with the chosen accommodations(s). Item types include constructed response, extended response, multiple-choice, drag-and-drop, grid item, equation editor, matching, table input, and editing tasks.

## WHAT IF A STUDENT ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION OF DIRECTIONS?

There is a tutorial feature on every question that shows a video (no sound for grades 3-10) about how to answer the specific item type.

## IS THERE A SPEECH-TO-TEXT OPTION?

Yes, speech-to-text is a non-embedded support. "Permissive Mode" must be turned on in TIDE in order to connect external devices or applications.

## IS THERE A TEXT-TO-SPEECH OPTION?

Yes, it is available for students that have the accommodation documented in their IEP or 504 plan.

## IS ORAL PRESENTATION ALLOWABLE ON THE WY-TOPP, INSTEAD OF TEXT-TO-SPEECH?

If the student has an accommodation for a human reader on their IEP, and does not perform well with the accompanying voice pack, a human reader may be provided.

## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TTS TRACKING, LINE READER, AND THE HIGHLIGHT FUNCTION?

TTS tracking functions with the TTS application and highlights what words/phrases are being read aloud as the TTS goes through the text. Line Reader is a tracking tool to help a student focus on one line at a time as they are reading. It is controlled by the student as they read and does not persist after the student moves to the next line in an item or passage. Highlighter may be used by students to highlight a text selection of their choice. Students may highlight information as small as a single character up to an entire reading passage.



## ARE STUDENTS ALLOWED TO COMPLETE A PAPER-BASED TEST, INSTEAD OF ONLINE?

No, students must test online, unless a student has an accommodation for a paper form in their IEP.

## IS THERE A TIME LIMIT FOR EXTENDED TIME ACCOMMODATIONS?

The assessment is untimed; there are suggested times. The students are able to take breaks and the student or the TA (Test Administrator) can pause the test for the student to take those breaks.

## WILL THE COMPUTER-BASED TESTS TIME OUT?

If there is no activity on the test for 20 minutes, the test will time out.

## WILL TACTILE GRAPHICS BE AVAILABLE ON ALL OF THE WY-TOPP ASSESSMENTS?

Tactile graphics are not optional as they are part of the test when appropriate. If the student is using an embosser, any graphics necessary for the items will also be included when the test is printed on the embosser.

## ARE CAMPUSES ABLE TO USE AN EMBOSSER AND PRINT BRAILLE FORMS FOR THE CURRENT INTERIM, MODULAR, AND SUMMATIVE EXAMS? IF NOT, WHEN WILL THIS OPTION BE AVAILABLE?

Test administrators will be able to use an embosser to print the online summative test or they may choose to order the paper Braille version. For schools that have access to an embosser, they can print Braille forms for modulars. Braille will be available for the interim assessments starting in 2018-2019.

## WILL THE TTS IN SPANISH OPTION ONLY BE AVAILABLE ON THE MATH AND SCIENCE PORTION OF THE WY-TOPP SUMMATIVE EXAM?

Yes, Spanish TTS is only enabled when a student takes the Spanish language version of the test. Spanish language and TTS accommodations must both be set to ON in TIDE.

## ARE ASL VIDEOS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON ANY ASSESSMENTS?

American Sign Language (ASL) videos accompany listening items and will be available for Modular, Interim, and Summative tests beginning 2018-2019. American Sign Language must be set to ON in TIDE.