

# Q&A: Accessibility and the Maine Through Year Assessment 2023-24

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## Resources

- [Maine Through Year Assessment webpage](#)
- [NWEA Maine Connection Webpage](#) – Manuals and guides are located here.
- [Accessibility and Maine Through Year Assessment Slides](#)
- [Human Reader Protocol](#) (Paper-Based Assessments Only)
- Resources for Human Reader [for Reading Passages](#) Accommodation (from the Office of Special Services and Inclusive Education)
  - [Human Reader for Reading Passages Training Video](#)
  - [Maine Print Disability Considerations](#)
  - [Print Disability Flowchart](#)
  - [Print Disability Checklist](#)
- [Request Form for Accommodated Paper-Based Assessments \(Standard Print and Large Print\)](#)

## Can you clarify who can have reading passages read?

Human Reader for Reading Passages is an accommodation available for students who 1) are in grades 6, 7, 8, or high school and 2) who have a documented print disability.

The IEP Team must complete the [Print Disability Checklist](#) and keep a signed copy in the student's special education record.

No students in grades 3 through 5, regardless of disability, may be provided the Human Reader for Reading Passages accommodation.

## Human Reader for Reading Passages: Do we enter that at TTS and have the proctor just read the passage, or do we enter human reader and the proctor reads everything?

There are three options in Acacia:

- **Text-to-Speech (TTS):** *If a student is taking an [online assessment](#) and needs text read aloud, this option must be selected. TTS reads the directions, questions, and answer choices.*
- **Human Reader:** *This accommodation is only allowable for students taking a paper-based assessment. The Human Reader will read the directions, questions, and answer choices, which are read by TTS in the online version of the assessment.*
- **Human Reader for Reading Passages:** *This accommodation is for students in grades 6+ with a documented print disability and requires additional paperwork be included in the student's special education record. (See [Print Disability Checklist](#).)*

Human Reader for Reading Passages would be selected in addition to TTS for students taking online assessments or in addition to Human Reader for students with an approved paper-based assessment form.