

**Maine Educational Assessments (MEA)
For Mathematics and
English Language Arts/Literacy
eMPowerME (Grades 3-8)**

**Accessibility Quick Guide
Spring 2019**

Tools

Embedded
Ruler, Protractor, Calculator, Sketch & Highlight, Notepad, Answer Masking, Guideline Tool, Bookmark, Format Tools, Custom Masking, Zoom, Reverse Contrast

Non-embedded
Scratch Paper

Supports

Embedded
Turn off Tools

Non-embedded
Visual/Auditory Aids & Devices, External Calculator or Abacus
Color Overlay, Magnification, Noise Buffers, Individual or Group Separate Setting, Extended Time, Breaks

Accommodations


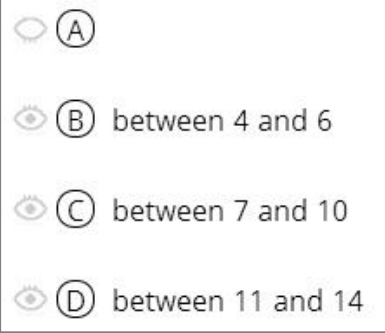



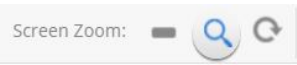

Embedded
Text-to-speech, Color Contrast


Non-embedded
Scribe, Read-Aloud, Sign Language, Braille, Bilingual Word Translation

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The following tables give screenshots and descriptions the universal tools and accommodations currently available for MEA online testing for the Spring 2019 test administration. For more information, see the *MEA Portal User Guide*, which is available on the MEA Help & Support page: <http://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org>
If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Measured Progress Service Desk at maineservicedesk@measuredprogress.org or (855) 652-8929.




Universal Tools are available to all students for online testing.

Name	Tool Icon	Description
Guideline		The student uses an onscreen tool to assist in reading by raising and lowering the tool for each line of text onscreen.
Answer Masking (Multiple-choice items only)		The student “hides” possible answer choices (for multiple choice items only).
Sketch		The sketch pad provides the following functionalities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketch or draw using black, red or blue pen. • Highlight using a semi-transparent yellow highlighter pen. Erase drawings and highlighting using the eraser.
Highlighter		Students are able to select text and highlight the selection. They can erase the highlighted text by using the eraser and selecting the text to erase. To clear all highlighting on the screen, click Clear.
Notepad*		Notes persist and are retained uniquely per item. The notepad is resizable, draggable, and displays a timestamp for when its contents were last modified. Notes on items with passages are viewable for all items pertaining to the passage.
Screen Zoom		Students can magnify the entire screen up to 300 percent. This is a full vector zoom of the entire screen.
Reverse Contrast		Inverts all color values in the user interface.

Custom Masking		Provides the ability to mask certain parts of the test interface or question.
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***IMPORTANT: Notes are NOT saved if a student exits or submits a test session. As such, students should NOT use the notepad to construct rough drafts. Notes are NOT saved if a student finishes a test session and then has state-approved reactivation.**

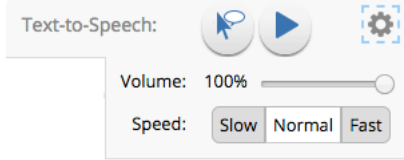
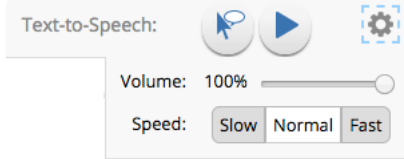
Item-Specific Universal Tools are available to all students for specific items.


Name	Content Area	Tool Icon
Basic Calculator	Grade 3-6 Mathematics	
Scientific Calculator	Grades 7-8 Mathematics	
Ruler	Mathematics	

Accommodations

Accommodations are available only to those students who have an approved accommodation. Accommodations will be available to students testing using the MEA kiosk. Students are able to view these accommodations on the **Options** page upon logging in to the kiosk to take a test.

Important: Test Coordinators must assign the **Text-to-Speech Mathematics**, **Text-to-Speech Essay**, **Color Contrast**, and **Turn Off All Universal Tools** accommodations within the MEA Portal. For more information, see the [MEA Portal User Guide](#).

Name	Assessment/Content Area	Tool Icon	Description
Text-to-Speech Mathematics	Mathematics		Students can play, pause, or stop audio. Students can adjust the rate and volume, and can select text to be read aloud on demand.
Text-to-Speech Essay	Essay		

Name	Assessment/Content Area	Tool Icon	Description
Color Contrast	All Content Areas		Students have the ability to choose a text and background color from a set of 12 predefined color combinations.
Turn Off All Universal Tools	All Content Areas	No icon for Turn off all universal tools accommodation.	Selecting this accommodation will turn off the sketch and highlight tool, the guideline tool, screen zoom, the reverse contrast tool, custom masking, and the answer-masking tool.

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Accommodations Screen Shot – Portal View

Student Information
Accommodations
Classes

Accommodations
(IEP/504)

Embedded

- Text-to-Speech Mathematics
- Text-to-Speech Essay
- Color Contrast

Non-Embedded

- Read Aloud Mathematics (human)
- Read Aloud Essay (human)
- Scribe
- ASL Interpreter

Supports
(RtI, Title I, SAT, Language Acquisition Committee, etc.)

Embedded

- Turn off all universal tools

Non-Embedded

- Color overlays
- Distraction reducing items
- Alternative/assistive aids & devices
- Bilingual Glossary (Math Only)
- Individual separate setting
- Small group separate setting
- Multiple/frequent breaks
- Extended time (Same Day Only)