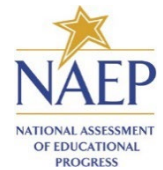


Maine
NAEP 2026 Inclusion Policy for Students with Disabilities (SD)
Grades 4, 8 and 12 Mathematics and Reading



The Maine Department of Education expects that most students with disabilities will be included on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). **Only students who meet (or met) participation criteria for Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA or MSAA Science) may be excluded from any NAEP assessment.** All other students with disabilities should participate in NAEP with or without NAEP-allowed accommodations. If you have questions about the NAEP accommodations, please contact Regina Lewis, NAEP State Coordinator at regina.lewis@maine.gov.

Several accommodations provided on the state assessments are not necessary for the NAEP digitally based assessments because they are available for all students through universal design elements. The chart below is divided into three sections: (1) universal design elements that are available to all students, (2) accommodations provided by the test delivery system, and (3) accommodations provided outside the test delivery system. NAEP accommodations are only allowed for a student on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.

Please keep in mind that NAEP does not produce results for individual students or schools, unlike the state assessments. In other words, the NAEP assessments do not impose consequences for the student or the school and are instead intended purely to provide a picture of educational performance and progress.

Please note all assessments are not the same and are developed to measure specific constructs. Therefore, NAEP may not allow or provide all accessibility features and accommodations the state assessments allow. The following are the expectations for inclusion on NAEP:

- For mathematics: manipulatives and multiplication charts are not allowed on the NAEP assessment.
- For mathematics: Mathematical supports, such as manipulatives and multiplication charts, are not allowed on the NAEP assessment. A calculator version of the NAEP Mathematics Assessment is available as an accommodation. Please consider if this might be an appropriate accommodation for your student as described in the student's IEP or 504 Plan.
- For reading: Read Aloud Occasional or Most or All is not allowed on the NAEP assessment. The NAEP reading assessment measures reading comprehension by asking students to read passages written in English and to answer questions about what they have read. Because this is an assessment of reading comprehension and not listening comprehension, NAEP does not allow passages or items to be read aloud to students as testing accommodations.
- For reading: Text-to-Speech, Human Reader, and Human Reader for Reading Passages are not allowed on the NAEP assessment.
- Students who receive multiple-day testing on the state assessments should take the NAEP assessments in 1 day with breaks as needed. NAEP is much shorter than most state assessments, so multiple-day testing is not supported.
- Graphic organizers are not allowed on the NAEP assessment.
- For students needing monitoring for placement of their responses on the assessment or to check their understanding, please select the "Cueing to Stay on Task" accommodation.

**Table 1: NAEP Universal Design Elements available to all students.
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Universal Design Element	Description
Zooming	Enlarges some content onscreen up to two times (2X) the default text/image size on the screen while preserving clarity, contrast, and color. Does not include the tutorial, toolbar, item tabs, scrollbars, calculator, and equation editor. State note: Similar to responsive Zoom on Chromebooks.
Individual Testing Experience	Read Aloud and other UDE and accommodations are provided through the device and will not distract other students in the room. - Students have earbuds to reduce distractions. - Students interact directly with device. - Tested with other selected students. - Refer to the accommodation <i>Preferential Seating</i> to minimize distractions for testing with other students. State note: Individual Setting (One-on-One Testing Experience).
Directions Read Aloud/Text-to-Speech (English)	All directions in the assessment are text-to-speech enabled, including general directions, directions within the assessment, Tutorial, Help, and Student Questionnaire screens. State note: Text-to-Speech (TTS)
Directions Explained/Clarified	Students can raise their hand at any time and ask the test administrator to clarify or explain directions. State note: Available to all students by request via raising hand.
Read Aloud/Text-to- Speech (English) – Occasional or Most or All	Not Available for Reading. Students select some or all text to be read aloud by the system using text-to- speech. State note: Text to Speech
Use a Computer/Tablet to Respond	All students respond on devices. State note: All students respond on the NAEP or School provided device
Color Theming	Option 1: black text on white background (default) Option 2: white text on black background Option 3: black text on beige background This tool is not available for the tutorial and some items. State note: Color Contrast - note only black text on white background, white text on black background, and black text on beige background.

Universal Design Element	Description
Text Notepad	Allows text to be entered from the physical keyboard to record notes into a resizable window for each question. State note: Notepad
Text Highlighter	Allows the highlighting of text on the screen for most content. State note: Highlighter (embedded)
Scratchwork Capability	Allows freehand drawing and highlighting on the screen for most content. State note: Markup (provided by an embedded pencil
Elimination Capability	Students can gray out answer choices for multiple-choice items. • This tool is not available for constructed-response items. State note: Eliminator
Volume Adjustment	Students can raise or lower voice-over volume using the device's volume buttons.
Closed Captioning	All voice-over narration is closed-captioned.
Scratch Paper	Administrators inform students that scratch paper (and pencil) is available upon request.

**Table 2: NAEP accommodations provided by test delivery system.
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Accommodation	Description
Extended Time	Students are given up to three times (3X) the allotted time to complete the assessment. • If state test is untimed, students may or may not require extended time on NAEP. • Most students are able to complete the NAEP cognitive sections in the time allowed.
Calculator Version of the Test	Available for Mathematics only. Provides a test form that permits the use of a calculator. The calculator is an onscreen calculator provided via the test delivery system.
Hearing Impaired Version of the Test	All auditory content is closed-captioned.

**Table 3: NAEP accommodations provided outside the test delivery system.
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Accommodation	Description
Breaks During Test	Students are allowed to take breaks as requested or at predetermined intervals during the assessment. Students can take the assessment in more than one sitting during a single day.
Separate Location/Small Group	Student is tested in a separate location to meet testing needs as appropriate. - Refer to the UDE <i>Individual Testing Experience</i> and accommodation <i>Preferential Seating</i> to determine if separate location/small group is needed. - May be in the same room but in a specific location or a different room. - Can be individual or with a small group of students. State note: Small Group
Familiar Person Present in Testing Room	The aide who regularly works with the student must be present in the testing room during time of assessment. Only trained NAEP staff may conduct the assessment session.
Uses Template	Provided by the school. Cutout, masking, color overlays, line reader, or place marker. State note: An external resource provided by school as a template or other tool.
Special Equipment	Provided by the school. - FM system, amplification equipment, auditory amplification device. - Noise buffers, study carrel, blinder, special lighting, adaptive furniture. - Stress ball or sensory fidget item. State note: Assistive Technology, Auditory devices, Visual Aids
Preferential Seating	Provided by the school. - Seating to reduce distractions within the general testing session. - Front of the class, close to the test administrator, etc.
Cueing to Stay on Task	Provided by a school staff member. - Monitor for understanding, monitor placement of responses. - Redirect to stay on task, reminders to stay on task, prompts to stay on task. - Provide verbal encouragement, reinforcement, refocus. - Track test items. State note: Monitor for understanding, redirect
Other (specify)	Any accommodation not listed above. Please check with your NAEP Coordinator to see if other accommodations are allowed on NAEP.