

The Oklahoma State Department of Education has revised the following documents:

- 1) [*OSTP Accommodations for Students with an Individualized Education Program \(IEP\) or Section 504 Plan*](#)
- 2) [*Oklahoma Accommodations Guide*](#)
- 3) [*Calculator Policy*](#)

These documents provide updated information on Oklahoma State Testing Program (OSTP) allowable accommodations, guidance surrounding best practices in selecting and providing accommodations, and changes to the calculator policy necessitated by recent state legislation.

Training

More information and training opportunities will be provided in Fall 2014. Free resources, documentation, and training for the PAR (Protocol for Accommodations in Reading) can be found here: <http://donjohnston.com/par/>.

Notable Additions or Changes

The *OSTP Accommodations for Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan* makes an important distinction between standard and nonstandard accommodations. A **standard accommodation** is defined as a change in the routine conditions under which students take OSTP tests that does not alter what the test is intended to measure. Standard accommodations are grouped into the following four categories: setting, timing or scheduling, presentation, and response.

A **nonstandard accommodation** is defined as an accommodation that is needed for the student to access the assessment but not included on the allowable list of accommodations and requires OSDE consideration or approval for use on OSTP tests through the Nonstandard Accommodation Single-Sign On application (**available October 2014**). Nonstandard accommodations include the ELA/Reading Test *Read-Aloud* and *Unique* accommodations. For further guidance on this type of accommodation, please see the *OSTP Accommodations for Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan*.

Emergency Accommodations

If prior to or during testing, the school principal (or designee) determines that a student requires an emergency accommodation (e.g., broken hand); [Form EA](#) must be completed and submitted to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) for approval. A copy of this form must be filed in the testing archives and a copy must be retained by the DTC at the central office.

OSTP Accommodation SEAS Codes

Several accommodations codes will be changed. For the new codes, please see the documents referenced above. New codes have been uploaded to the dropdown menu for the IEP Assessment page on SEAS.

Calculator Policy

Scientific Calculators are now allowed for *All Students* on the Grade 8 Science Test.