

Guidance for reviewing IEPs in relation to the Smarter Balanced

Students on IEPs who previously took the general OAKS assessment should participate in the Smarter Balanced field test. Smarter Balanced has different accommodations available to students than OAKS. Please review your students' IEPs and looking for the following accommodations. You'll need to consider other options for these students. Any other accommodations documented in the IEP which were specified for OAKS are also available through Smarter Balanced and do not require changes to the IEP.

Code	Accommodation	Suggested Alternative
A103	Interpret directions orally	Use written translations of directions (for math only).
A105	Simplify language in directions	Use the practice test to pre-teach expectations of the test segments.
A205	Audio Recording of translated test	Use Glossary or Stacked Translation if available, possibly with the addition of text-to-speech.

Additionally, the following are accommodations which are new to Smarter Balanced. Some of these resources may have been available to all students on the OAKS assessment and did not require documentation on the IEP. Smarter Balanced now requires these resources to be identified on the IEP. If specific students in your school need these accommodations, please include them on the IEP.

Accommodations

Print on Demand

Scribe (for Writing)

Text-to-Speech on Reading Passages

Abacus

Calculator, hand-held

Multiplication Table

Auditory Amplification Device

Significant Shifts in Allowable Resources for Smarter Balanced

The Smarter Balanced Assessment offers a great number of Universal Tools through the testing interface. In most cases, these tools are only allowable through the computer. Through the practice test, students can be made aware of these tools and instructed on their use. Additionally, the calculators can be accessed online for practice at the link below.

Universal Tools Provided Through the Computer

Calculators (Basic, Scientific, Graphing and Regression)

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/calculators/>

Digital Notepad (Digital Scratch Paper)

English Dictionary

English Glossary

Highlighter

Ruler

Protractor

Spell Check

Thesaurus

The following list represents other tools which were available to students on OAKS which are not allowable on Smarter-Balanced. Please evaluate your testing locations to ensure that these tools are not available to students or visible on the walls.

Non-Allowable Resources

Calendars

Formula and Conversion Sheets

Hundreds Charts

Instructional Clocks

Manipulatives

Templates with unlabeled shapes

Number Line

Thermometers

Spelling Lists

Descriptions of the Writing Process

Official Scoring Guides

Lists of Common Transitions/Transitional Phrases

Guides to Revision

Graphic Organizers
