

ESOL Testing Accommodation

Flexible Setting

- Students are tested in a separate room with a teacher acting as test administrator and paraprofessional support when clearly feasible.
- Parents must be informed.
- Parents may select preferred method of test administration.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

- Students may take a part or a session of the test during several periods within one school day.
- However, each session of the test **MUST** be completed within one school day.

Additional Time

- Students may be provided additional time.
- However, each session must be completed within one school day.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING/TIMING

- ELL students may not be permitted to change any responses that were completed on a previous session or day, and students must not “work ahead” or preview any test questions set aside for the following session or next day.”

Assistance in the Heritage Language

- For the reading test, the teacher may answer student questions about the general test directions. It is prohibited reading words from the passages or test items; and it is prohibited from answering questions from the passages or test items.
- For the writing test, the teacher may answer student questions about the general test directions. It is prohibited from reading the prompt and it is prohibited from assisting in responding to the prompt. The teacher/paraprofessional may answer specific questions about a word or phrase in a prompt that is confusing due to limited English proficiency.

ALL RESPONSES MUST BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH

- For the math and science test, the teacher may answer student questions about the general test directions. The teacher/paraprofessional may clarify to individuals without disturbing others. May answer questions about a word or

phrase that is confusing because of limited English proficiency. The teacher is prohibited from helping to solve a test question.

Approved Dictionary

- ELL students MUST have access to an English-to-heritage language and/or a heritage language-to-English translation dictionary. Dictionary must be made available to students in an instructional setting prior to the test.
- Students are not allowed to bring their own dictionaries.
- Students are not allowed to share dictionaries.

***It is important that these accommodations are planned in advance.**

***All personnel involved are to be informed previous to the test date.**