

Spring 2026 Grades 3-8 Accommodations Improvements

Simplifying Testing Assignments
and Adding More Student Support





ISBE Enhancements

The Illinois State Board of Education, or ISBE, is enhancing its statewide summative assessment system.



Agenda

- Providing Accessibility Features and Accommodations Locally
- Improving Computer-Based Testing Accessibility
- Enhancing Online Accommodations
- Uploading Accommodations Using the Template
- Assigning Accommodations

Reducing Administrative Steps

Testing Platform Inputs

- TestNav Assignments
- Paper Materials

Schools and Districts Maintenance of:

- IEP
- 504
- EL Modifications



Reducing Administrative Steps (Removals)

Removed from Platform

- Handheld Calculator for Online Testing
- Cover Overlay
- Amplification
- Answers Recorded in Test Book
- Braille Writer/Refreshable Braille Device
- Calculation Device or Math Tool
- Directions in Native Language
- Emergency Accommodation
- Extended Time

- Frequent Breaks
- Paper Human Read Aloud
- Human Scribe
- Separate Alternate Location
- Small Group Setting
- Student Reads Assessment Aloud to Self
- Unique Accommodations
- Word-to-Word Dictionary

Schools and districts remain responsible for maintaining documentation and administering supports based on student IEP, 504, and EL plans.

Coming Soon

Reducing Administrative Steps

Winter 2026

Revised Materials

Accessibility Features and Accommodations
Manual

Illinois Assessment of Readiness

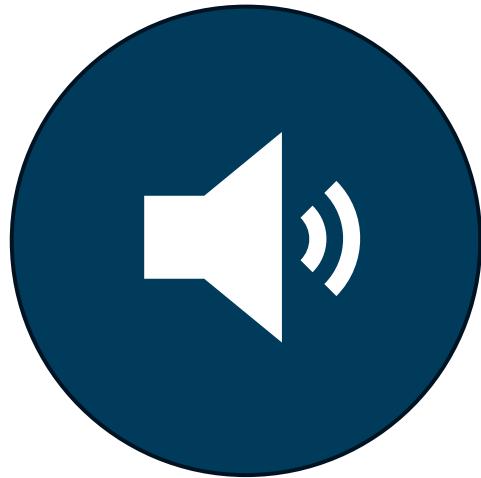
Illinois Science Assessment



ISBE designs IAR and ISA to ensure
accessible experiences for all students
as technology evolves.



98% of students take IAR
and ISA without additional
assigned support.



Science and Math now
include built-in text-to-speech,
no assignment required.

Computer-Based Testing

Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment

TestNav Tools and Testing Features on the CBT Test

- Calculator
- Eliminate Answer Choices
- Highlighter
- Notepad
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Color Contrast
- Text-to-Speech for Science and Math
- Closed Captioning for ELA videos
- Answer Masking
- Glossed Words
- Line Reader Tool
- Spell Check for Constructed Response Items
- Zoom

**Review your student IEP, 504, and
EL plans before assigning students
any of the accommodations.**



Online Accommodations Improvements

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Extensions

No longer need to choose between
Human Read Aloud and Text-to-Speech

PNP enabled Math Text-to-Speech

Speech-to-Text and Word
Prediction for Math Not Allowed

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Speech-to-Text and Word Prediction

Human Read Aloud and
Text-to-Speech on same test

Universal Math Text-to-Speech

Speech-to-Text and Word
Prediction for Math Allowed

Online Accommodated Form – IEP Only

Revised Testing Assignment

Online Accommodated ELA/L Form

- Text-to-Speech enabled
- Speech-to-Text available by PNP
- Word Prediction available by PNP
- **(NEW)** Proctor Read Aloud pre-loaded into test

Online Accommodated Mathematics Form

- Text-to-speech enabled
- **(NEW)** Speech-to-Text pre-loaded into test
- **(NEW)** Word Prediction pre-loaded into test
- **(NEW)** Proctor Read Aloud pre-loaded into test

Online Accommodated Science Form

- Text-to-Speech enabled
- **(NEW)** Speech-to-Text pre-loaded into test
- **(NEW)** Word Prediction pre-loaded into test
- **(NEW)** Proctor Read Aloud pre-loaded into test

Online Accommodations Improvements

2025

Assistive Technology- Screen Reader

Assistive Technology- Non-Screen Reader

2026

Online Accommodated Form –
AT/Screen Reader Compatible



Reference the updated Assistive Technology Guidelines



Access the Online Accommodations Improvements



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Online Accommodations Improvements

2025

Assistive Technology - Screen Reader

Assistive Technology - Non-Screen Reader

ASL

Human Signer



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Online Accommodated Form –
AT/Screen Reader Compatible

Online Accommodated Form –
Sign Language

Online Accommodated Form – IEP Only

Revised Testing Assignments

Online Accommodated Form – AT/Screen Reader Compatible

- Coded for Screen Reader software (JAWS, NVDA, Voiceover)
- **(Revision)** Compatible with Dragon Naturally Speaking, keyboards
- **(Revision)** Braille Kit available by order
- **(NEW)** TestNav Toolbar (Notepad, Calculator, etc.)

Online Accommodated Form – ASL

Revised Testing Assignments

Online Accommodated Form – American Sign Language

- Videos of ASL signers signing each item pre-loaded into test
- **(NEW)** Human Signer (Proctor Read Aloud) pre-loaded into test

[Download the IAR ELA/L Reading Support Decision Tool](#)

Assessment Materials - Spanish and Paper Testing

Spanish and Paper Testing

- Computer-based Spanish test form for Math and Science
- Paper-based Spanish test form for Math and Science
- Large print Spanish test form for Math
- English Paper, Large Print, Braille for all subjects



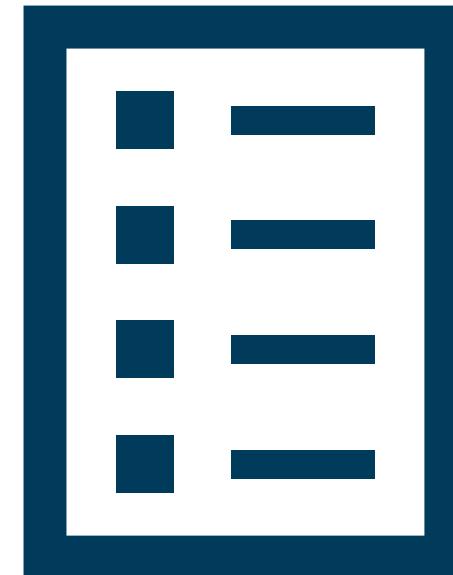
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Paper Materials Change

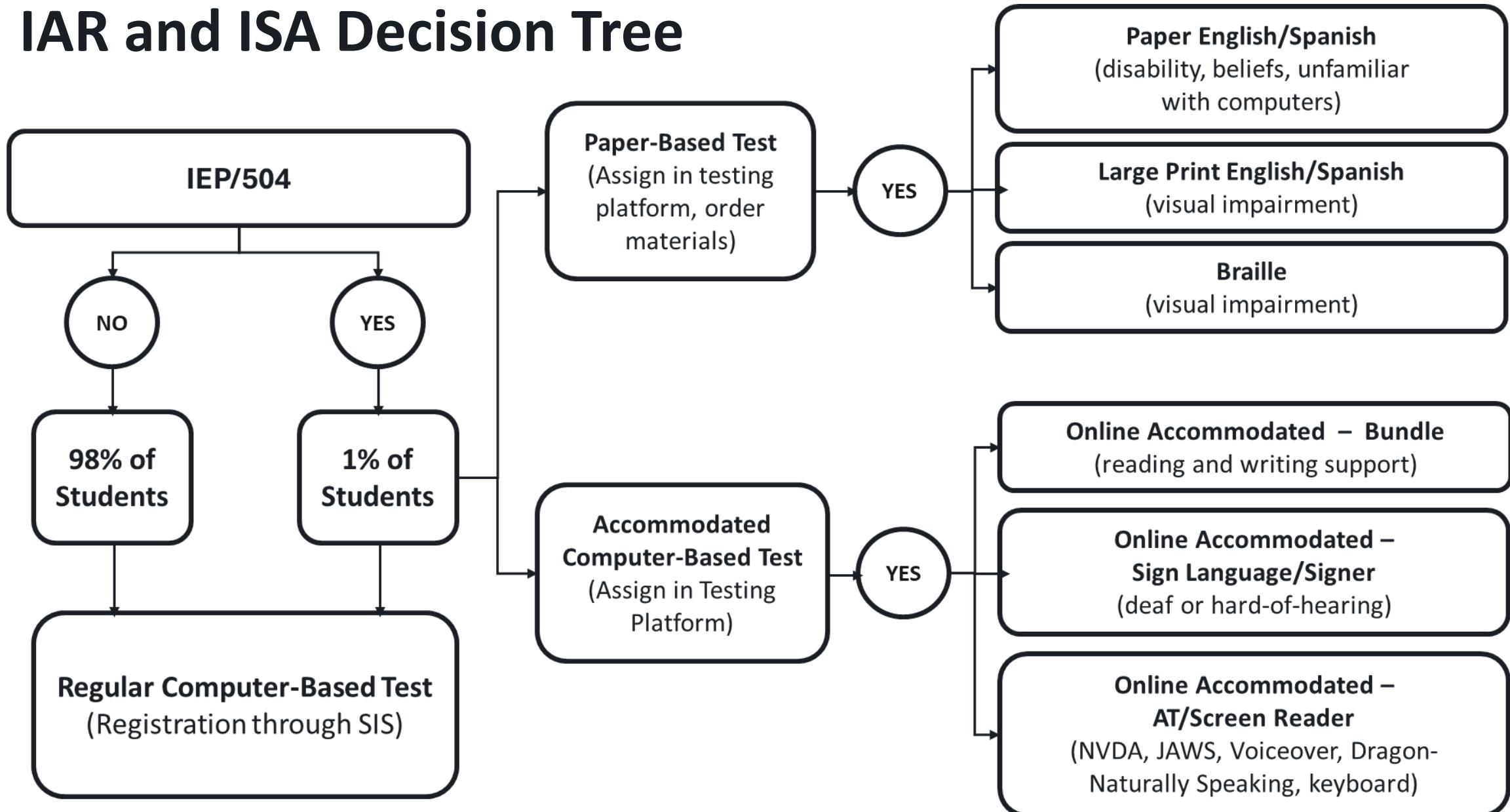
- Ordering all paper materials through Testing platform
 - Materials Ordering window opens February 16, 2026
 - Assigning Accommodations deadline

Online accommodations may be assigned **anytime before** the testing window closes.

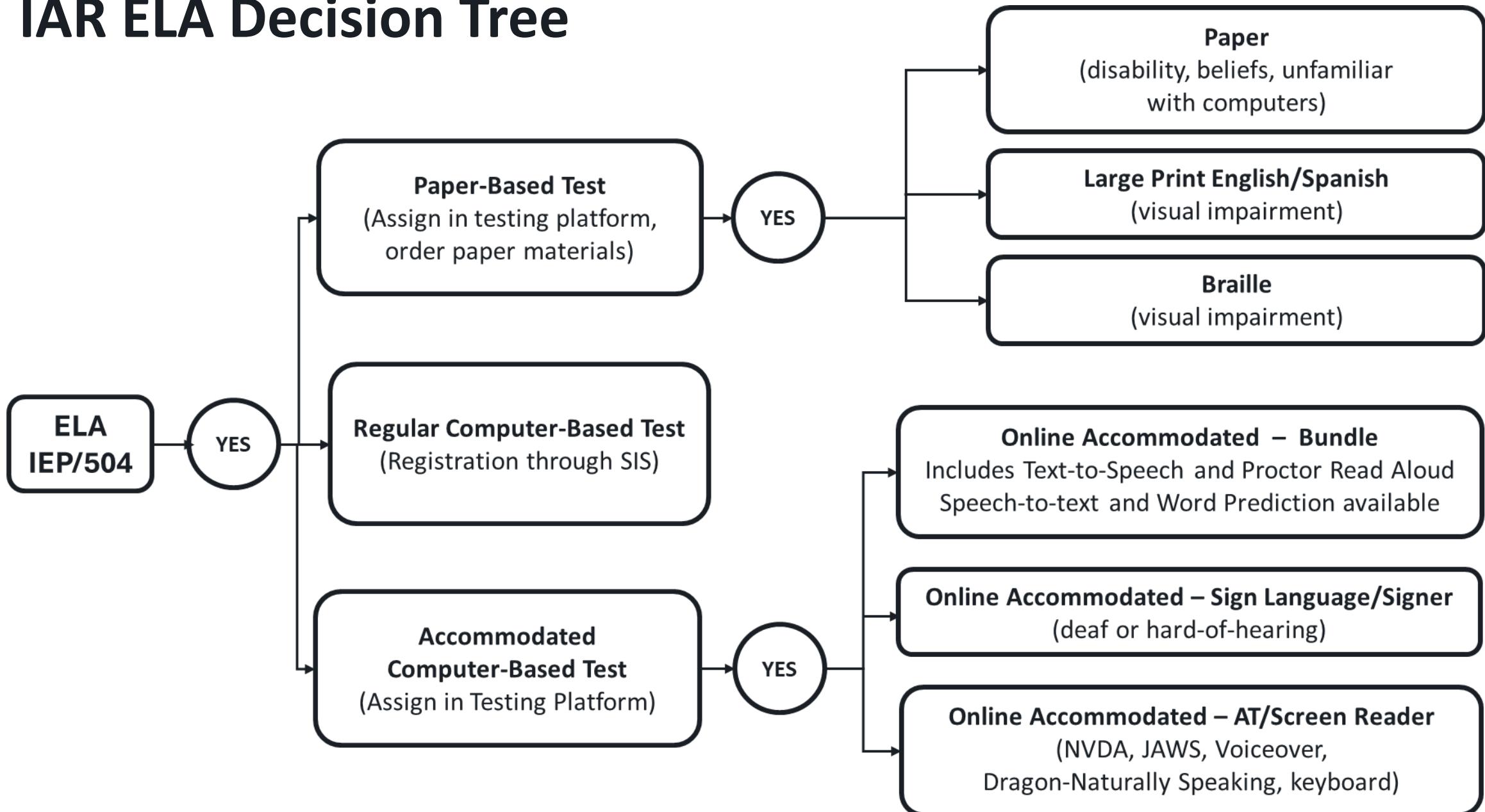
Allow five days for shipping when ordering paper accommodations



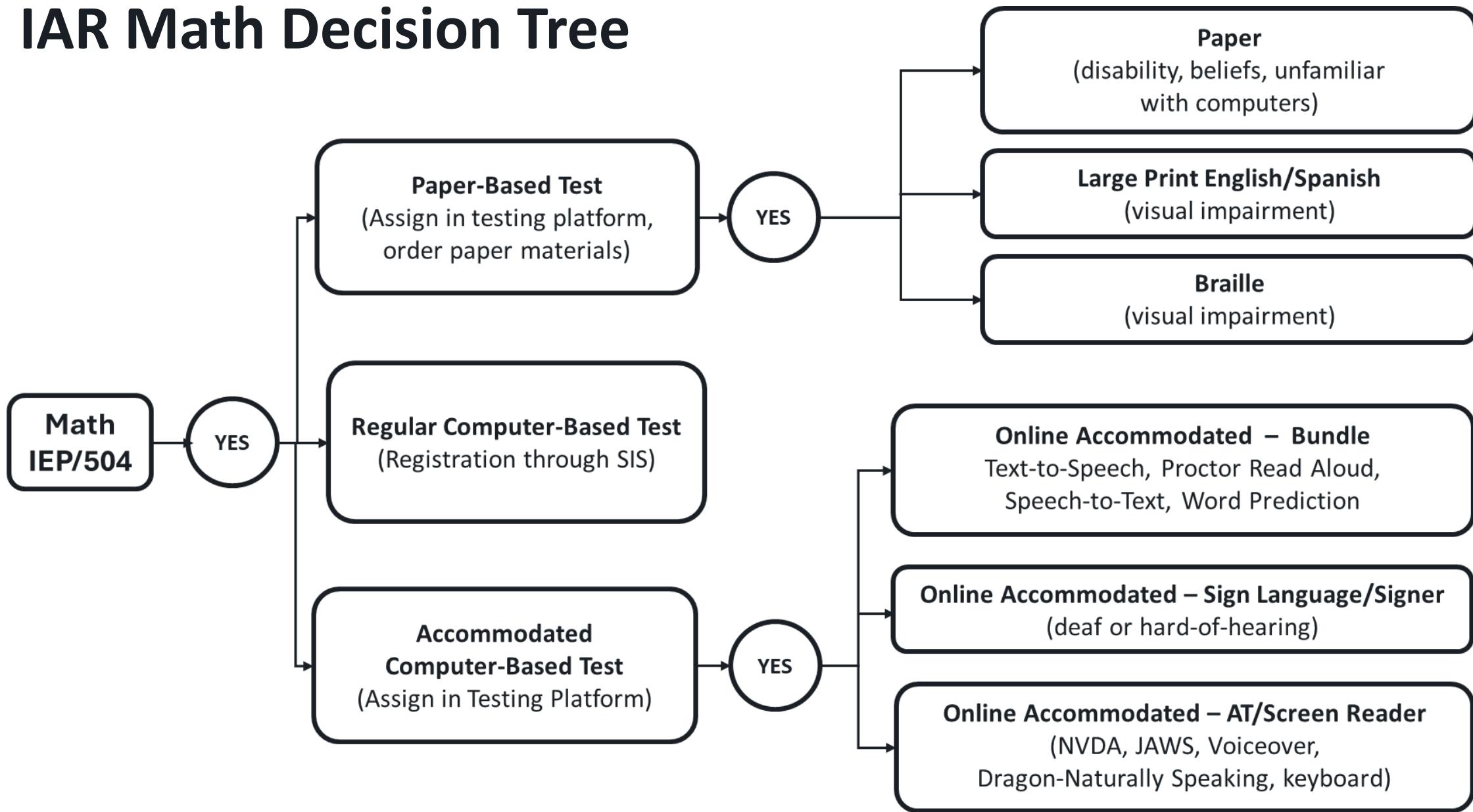
IAR and ISA Decision Tree



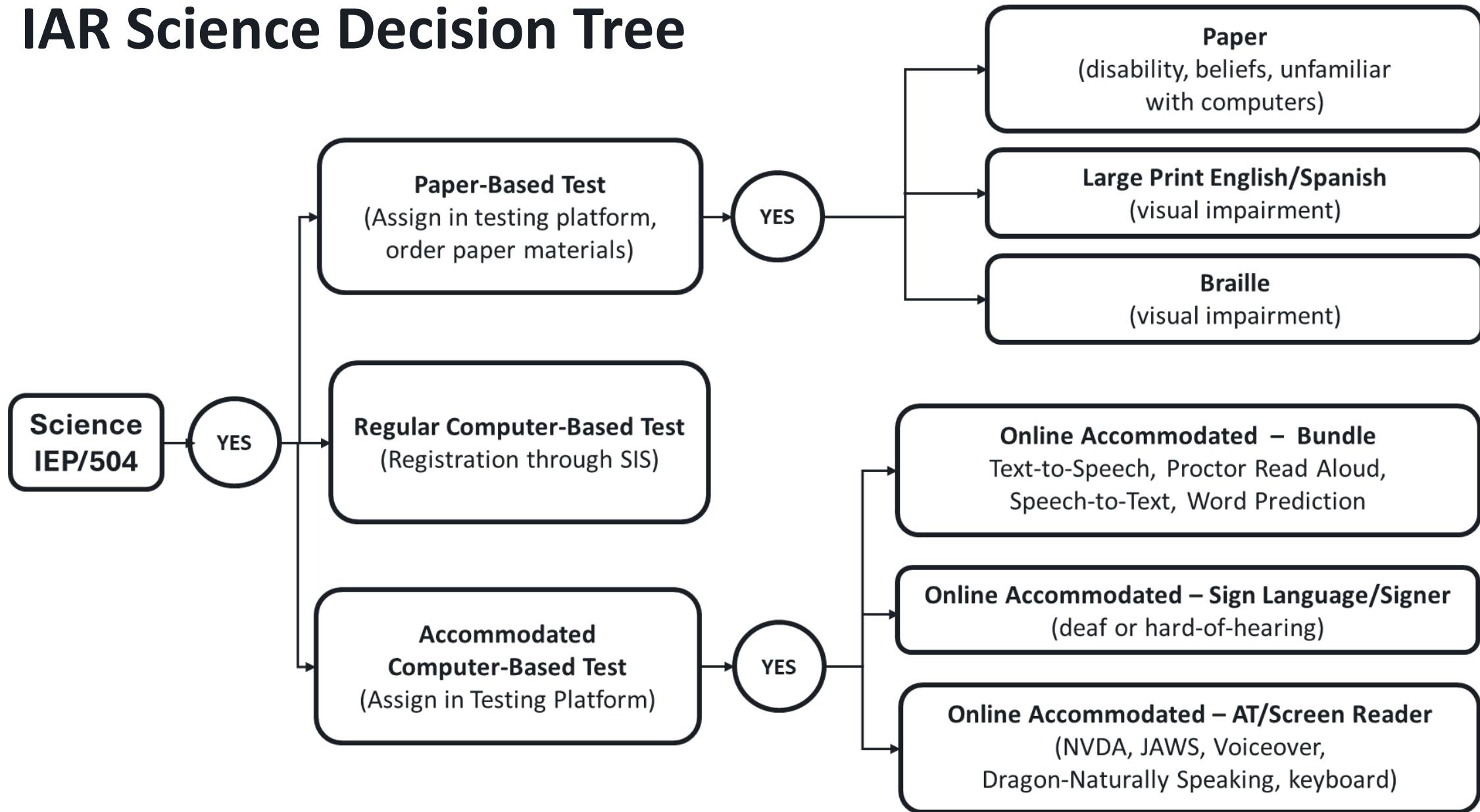
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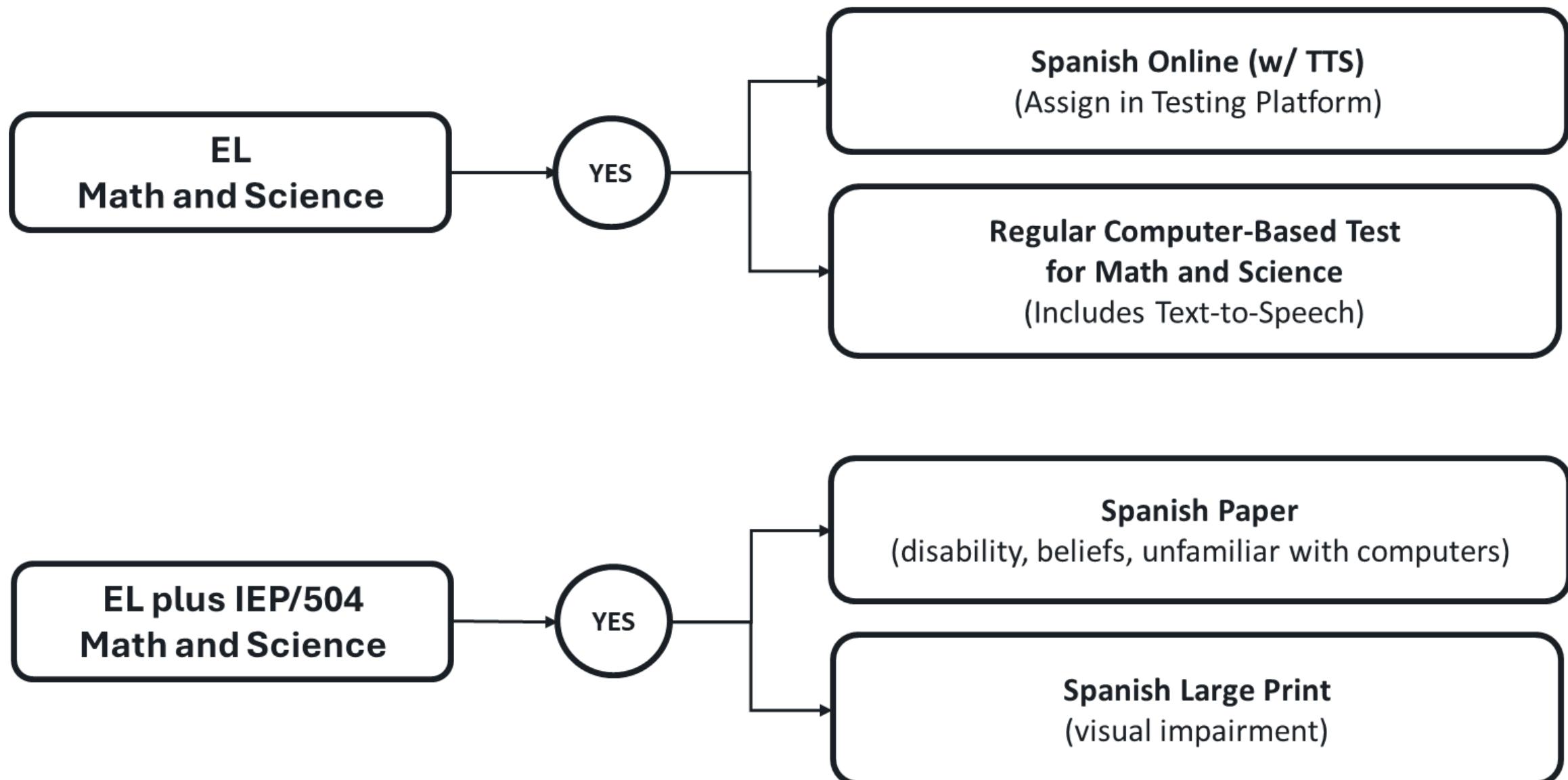
IAR Math Decision Tree



IAR Science Decision Tree



IAR and ISA EL Decision Tree





Spring 2026 Accommodations Upload Template Quick Guide

Column	Accommodation	Eligible Students	Describes supports. Includes paper reminders to order materials.
I	Online Accommodated Form – AT/Screen Reader	IEP/504	Order braille materials if needed with screen reader support.
J	Online Accommodated Form – Bundle	IEP/504	Math/Science: TTS, Proctor Read Aloud, STT ELA: TTS, Proctor Read Aloud
K	Online Accommodated Form – Sign Language – Complete Test	IEP/504	ASL videos, Proctor Read Aloud for Signing
L	Online Spanish Form (w/ TTS)	EL	Math/Science: Spanish translation, Spanish TTS
M	Paper Form – Braille	IEP/504	Order braille materials



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N	Paper Form - English	IEP/504	Order paper materials
O	Paper Form – Large Print (English or Spanish)	IEP/504, EL	Order paper materials
P	Paper Form - Spanish	EL	Order paper materials
Q-U	Tool Add On – Mouse Pointer	IEP/504	Recommended for daily users
V-W	Tool Add On – Online Calculators	IEP/504	Four-function (3–7), Scientific (8)
X	Tool Add On – Speech-to-Text and Word Prediction	IEP/504	ELA/Science: Daily users with writing disability



Spring 2026 Accommodations Upload Template

Column Header	Field Name	Eligibility IEP/504, English Learner, Both, None	What's Included	Eligible Tests	Test Format	Expected Values
A	sourceld					
B	orgName					
C	identifier					
D	familyName					
E	givenName					
F	MiddleName					
G	grades					
H	profileName					



Spring 2026 IAR and ISA Accommodations Field Guide

IAR and ISA Accommodations Field Guide

Read the following guidance for assigning appropriate accommodations and accessibility features for students participating in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). Only the following accommodations will be assigned in the Illinois Administration Platform. District and School Test Coordinators will assign accommodations through the Accommodations Upload Template or through the platform user interface.

All locally provided accommodations available in Spring 2025 will continue to be provided locally for Spring 2026 and beyond. No supports have been removed from the IAR or ISA. The change is that ISBE will no longer collect locally provided supports in the testing platform. Districts and schools remain required by state and federal laws to document all student IEP/504 accommodations and EL supports.

Eligibility Categories

- **IEP/504:** Students with disabilities who require accommodations.
- **English Learner (EL):** Students identified as English Learners.
- **Both:** Students with IEP/504 and EL status.
- **None:** Students without accommodations.

Test Formats & Accommodations

Online Assistive Technology Form – AT/Screen Reader (Column I)

Student Profile Screen Reader Users:



Spring 2026 IAR and ISA Accommodations Field Guide



The image shows the Illinois State Capitol building's dome in the background, partially obscured by trees with autumn-colored leaves. The foreground is dark, suggesting a shadow or a night scene.

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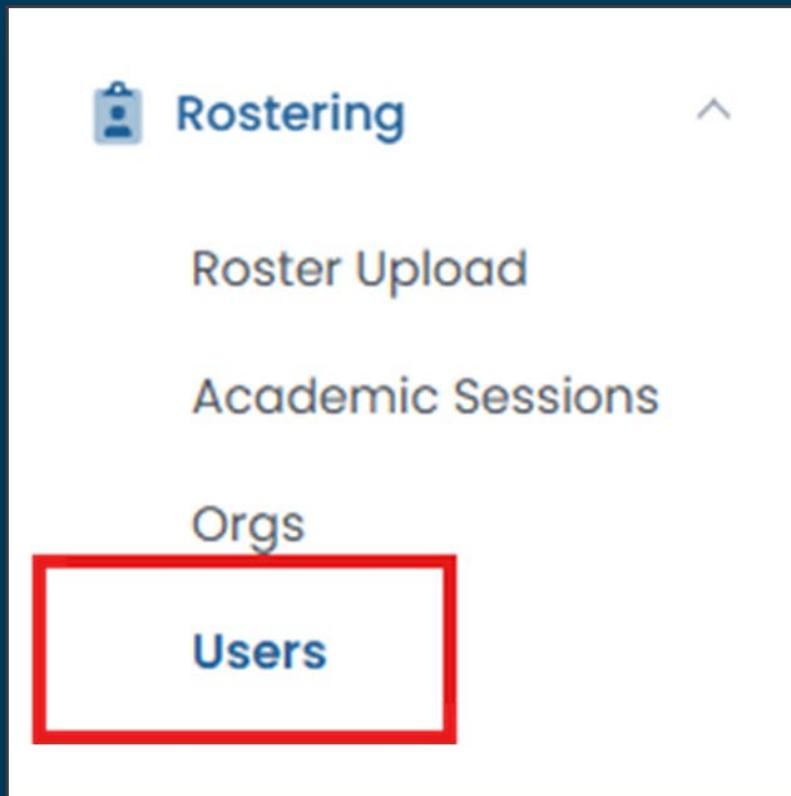
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Illinois Administration Platform



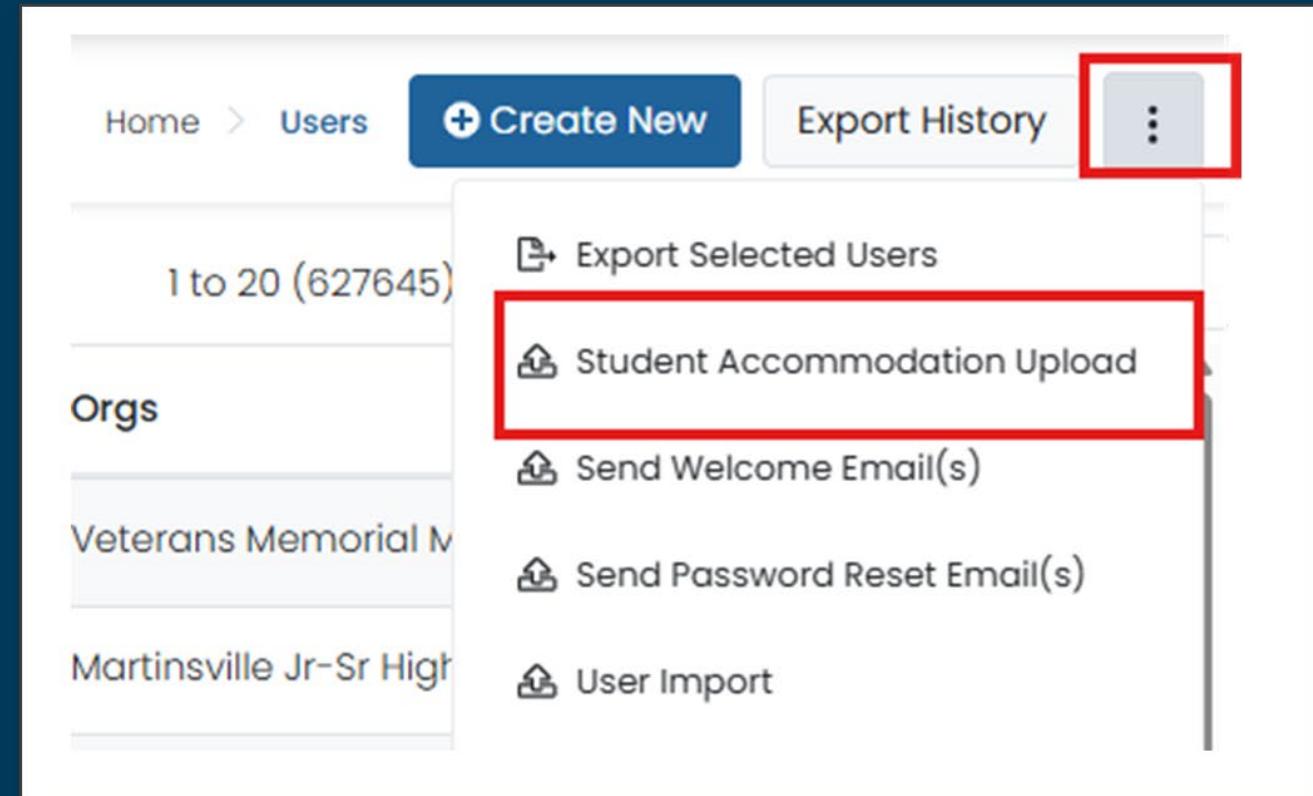
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- Export Selected Users
- Student Accommodation Upload**
- Send Welcome Email(s)
- Send Password Reset Email(s)
- User Import



Follow the instructions to modify accommodations on students in ADAM.

Step 1:

Click the button to download the template file.

Visible Accommodations

1. Online Accommodated Form - AT/Screen Reader
2. Online Accommodated Form - Bundle
3. Online Accommodated Form - Sign Language - Complete Test
4. Online Spanish Form (w/ TTS)
5. Paper Form - Braille
6. Paper Form - English
7. Paper Form - Large Print
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9. Tool Add On - Mouse Pointer - Extra Large Black
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13. Tool Add On - Mouse Pointer - Extra Large Yellow
14. Tool Add On - Online Calculator - Four Function
15. Tool Add On - Online Calculator - TI-30 Scientific
16. Tool Add On - Speech-to-Text and Word Prediction

Click to create template

Step 2:

- Open the file using Sheets, Numbers, or Excel.
- Each student has a row for each of the Profile types.
- Place a 1 in the cell to enable the accommodation.
- Place either a 0 or set the cell to blank to turn off the accommodation.
- If an accommodation type has multiple columns associated with it e.g. Closed Caption - English and Closed Caption - Spanish...only one of the columns can be enabled.
- Save the modified file as a .csv (comma separated values)

[Template History](#)[Upload History](#)

Student Accommodation Upload and Update Students via CSV

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User Setup: **McKee, Lillie**

Accommodations

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Accommodations

Tool Add On – Speech-to-Text and Word Prediction

If checked, the student will have Speech-to-Text and Word Prediction.

ELA

Online Accommodated Form – Bundle

If checked the student will be indicated for Read Aloud/Human Reader.

ELA

Math

Science

>User Setup: **McKee, Lillie**

Accommodations View Edit

Administrations

Demographics Filter by Accommodation...

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Expand/Collapse All ELA Apply to All Math Science

▼ Form-Based

Online Accommodated Form - Sign Language
If selected, the student will have the corresponding Human Signer accommodation.

None > None None

Paper Form
If selected, the student will have the corresponding Paper with Language accommodation. * If the student needs Spanish Large Print, select Spanish in the dropdown AND check the Large Print option.

None > None None

Online Accommodated Form - Bundle
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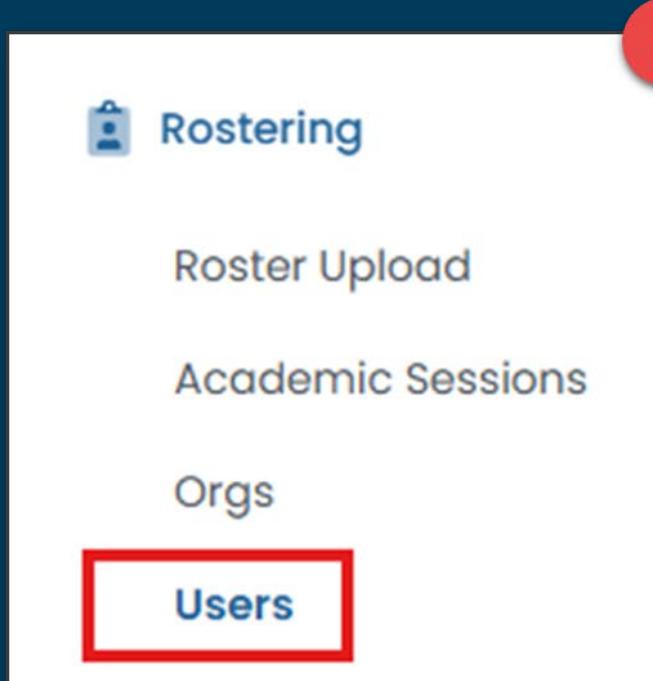
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Updating Accommodations in AUT

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lpi:prd:L3s							5 Science					
lpi:prd:L3s							5 ELA			1	NA	

Updating Accommodations in User Interface



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Last Name: Mckee
First Name: Lillie
Last Login: Never

Actions:

User Setup: **Mckee, Lillie**

Accommodations

View Edit

Spring 2026 Accommodations Upload Template

Illinois Administration Platform

The screenshot shows the Illinois Administration Platform interface. A red box highlights the 'Users' menu item in the left sidebar. A red circle with the number '1' is positioned above the sidebar. A red box highlights the 'Student Accommodation Upload' option in a dropdown menu. A red circle with the number '2' is positioned above the dropdown. A red box highlights the 'Choose a file or drop it here...' input field in a modal window. A red circle with the number '3' is positioned above the modal.

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Click to create template

When your template has been created it can be downloaded from the Template History Button at the top of the page. The template is named using the format Template_<<uuid>>.csv (e.g., Template_9f7a5376-3f32-4ff6-92bf-f0351565c38c.csv)

Step 3: Upload the modified file into ADAM.

Choose a file or drop it here... Browse



Accessibility Features and Accommodations

Winter 2026

Side-by-Side Test Proctor

- Directions in Native Language

Accessibility and Accommodations Manual

- Tailored for IAR and ISA
- Test Assignment Scenarios to support Accommodation selection
- New alternative text guidelines for ELA/L, Math, and Science



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