

# Spring 2026 Grades 3-8 Accommodations Improvements

Abbreviated Training for SIS Vendors

# Agenda

Overview of New Accommodations Structure

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Review of Accommodations Upload Template

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Assigning Accommodations

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# Reducing Administrative Steps

## 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 Must Continue Local Maintenance of:

- IEP
- 504
- EL Modifications

# Computer-Based Testing

Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment

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

# Computer-Based Testing

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## TestNav Tools and Testing Features on the CBT Test

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

# Online Accommodations Improvements

## 2025

- Extensions
- Human Read Aloud Test
- Text-to-Speech on separate tests
- PNP enabled Math Text-to-Speech
- Embedded Speech-to-Text unavailable for math



## 2026

- Speech-to-Text and Word Prediction
- Human Read Aloud and Text-to-Speech on same test
- Universal Math Text-to-Speech
- Embedded Speech-to-Text available for math

# Online Accommodated Form – Bundle

## Revised Testing Assignment for Students with IEPs

### 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
  
- ASL
- Human Signer



## 2026

- Online Accommodated Form – AT/Screen Reader
  
- 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 – American Sign Language

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

# Assessment Materials

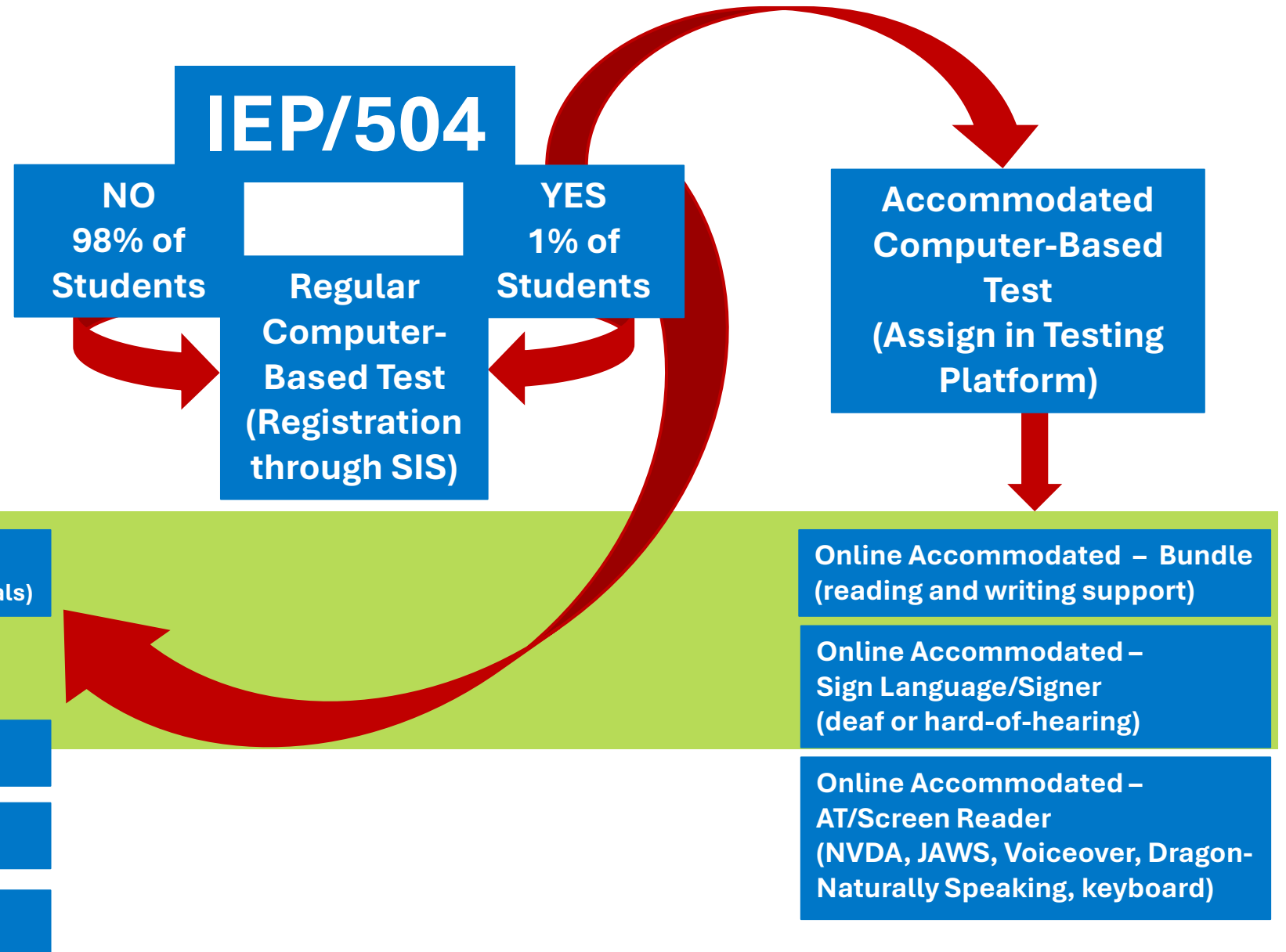
## Spanish and Paper Testing

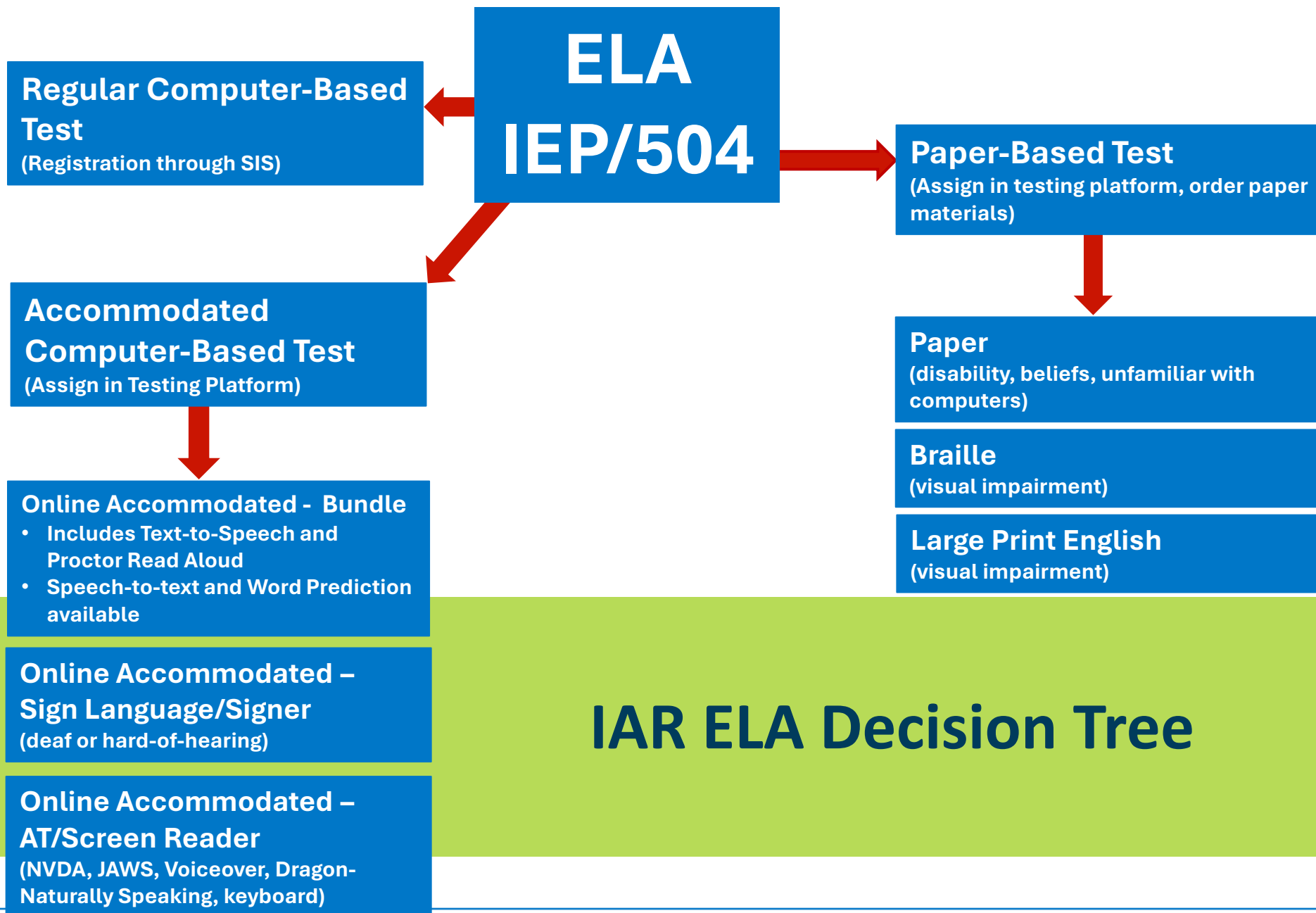
- Computer-based Spanish test form for Math and Science
- Paper-based Spanish test form for Math and Science
- Large print Spanish test form for Math
- English Paper, Large Print, Braille for all subjects

## Paper Materials Change

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

# IAR and ISA Decision Tree





## IAR ELA Decision Tree

**Regular Computer-Based Test (w/TTS)**  
(Registration through SIS)

**Math  
IEP/504**

**Paper-Based Test**  
(Assign in testing platform, order paper materials)

**Accommodated Computer-Based Test**  
(Assign in Testing Platform)

**Online Accommodated – Bundle**

- Text-to-Speech
- Proctor Read Aloud
- Speech-to-Text
- Word Prediction

**Online Accommodated – Sign Language/Signer**  
(deaf or hard-of-hearing)

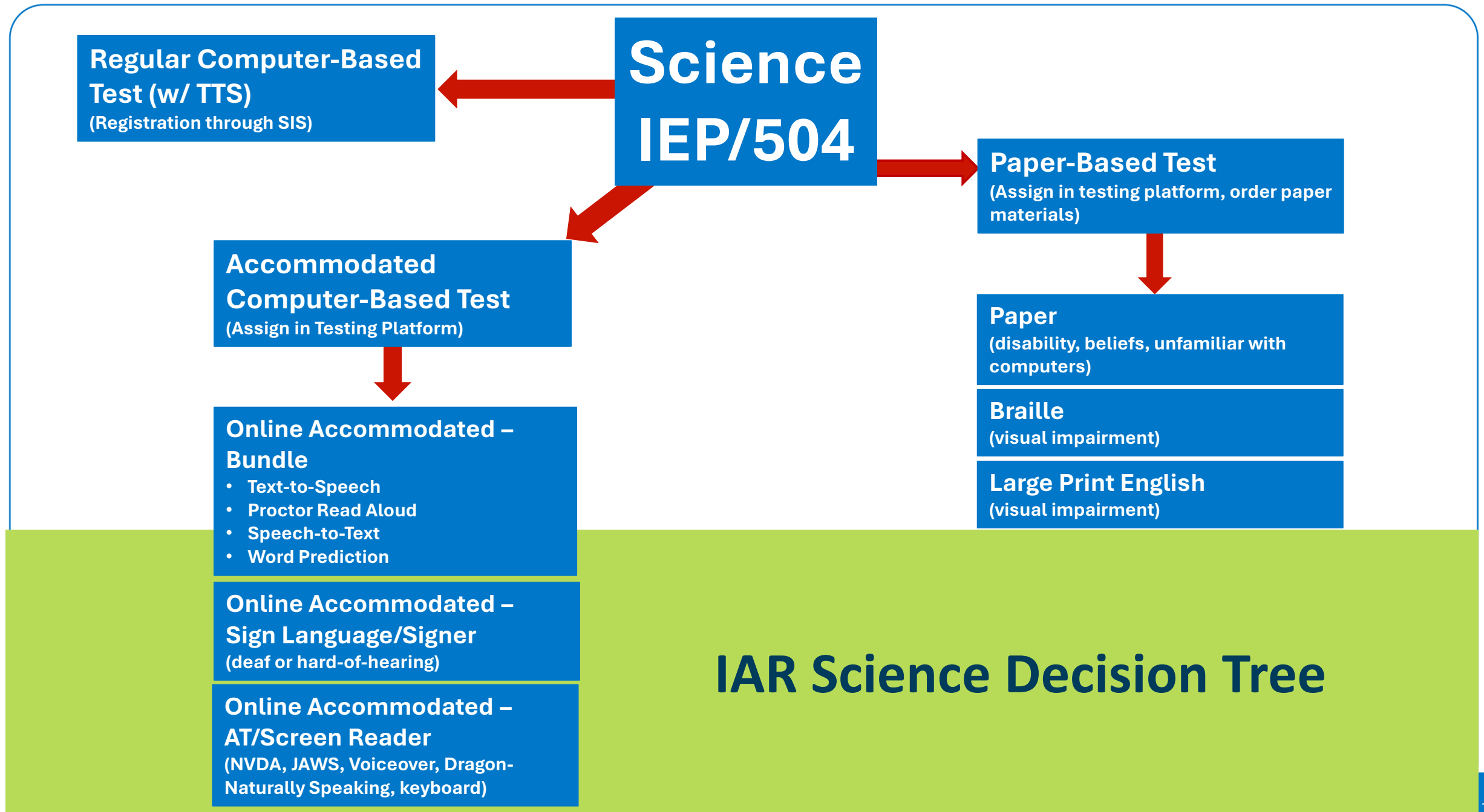
**Online Accommodated – AT/Screen Reader**  
(NVDA, JAWS, Voiceover, Dragon-Naturally Speaking, keyboard)

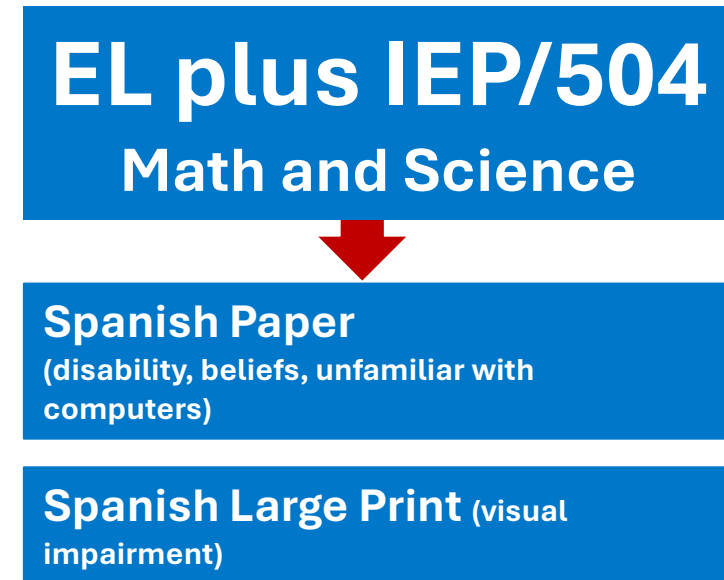
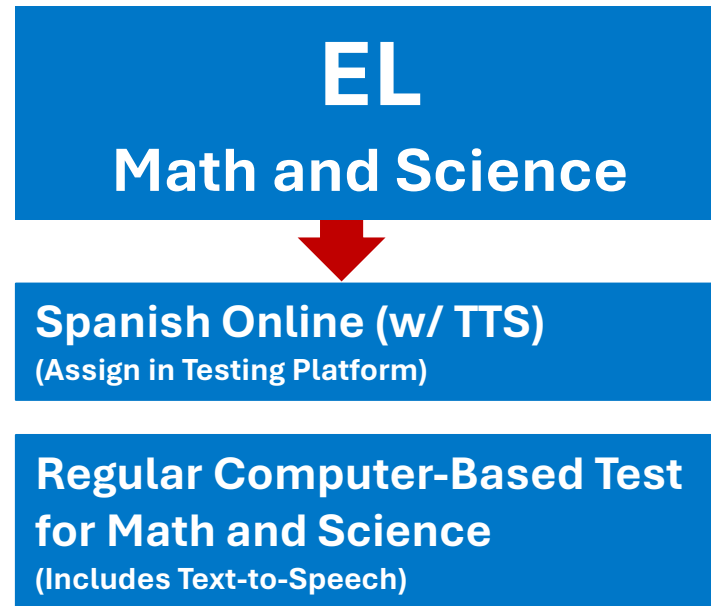
**Paper**  
(disability, beliefs, unfamiliar with computers)

**Braille**  
(visual impairment)

**Large Print English**  
(visual impairment)

**IAR Math 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
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	sourceId					
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 guide 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.

# Spring 2026 Accommodations Upload Template

## 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
8. Paper Form – Spanish
9. Tool Add On – Mouse Pointer – Extra Large Black
10. Tool Add On – Mouse Pointer – Extra Large Green
11. Tool Add On – Mouse Pointer – Extra Large Red
12. Tool Add On – Mouse Pointer – Extra Large White
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](#)

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 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)

# Updating Accommodations in AUT

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
sourcedId	orgName	identifier	familyName	givenName	middleName	grades	profileName	Online Accommodated Form - AT/Screen Reader	Online Accommodated Form - Bundle	Online Accommodated Form - Sign Language - Complete Test	Online Spanish Form (w/ TTS)	Paper Form - Braille
lpi:prd:L3s						5	Math					
lpi:prd:L3s						5	Science					
lpi:prd:L3s						5	ELA		1		NA	

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