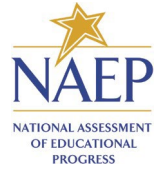


Maine

NAEP 2024 Inclusion Policy for English Learners (EL)

Grade 8 Science



The Maine Department of Education expects that most English learners will be included on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). **Only English learners who have been enrolled in U.S. schools for less than one (1) full academic year before the NAEP assessment and cannot access NAEP may be excluded from any NAEP assessment.** All other English learners should participate in NAEP with or without NAEP-allowed accommodations. If you have questions about the NAEP accommodations, please contact Regina Lewis, NAEP State Coordinator at Regina.Lewis@maine.gov.

Several accommodations provided on the Maine assessments are not necessary for the NAEP assessments because they are available for all students through universal design elements. The chart below is divided into three sections: (1) **universal design elements that are available to all students**, (2) **accommodations provided by the test delivery system**, and (3) **accommodations provided outside the test delivery system**. NAEP accommodations are only allowed for English learners.

Please keep in mind that NAEP does not produce results for individual students or schools, unlike the Maine state assessments. In other words, the NAEP assessments do not impose consequences for the student or the school and are instead intended purely to provide a picture of educational performance and progress.

Please note all assessments are not the same and are developed to measure specific constructs. Therefore, NAEP may not allow or support all accessibility features and accommodations of the Maine state assessments. The following are the expectations for inclusion on NAEP:

- 1) Students who receive multiple-day testing on the state assessments should take the NAEP assessments in 1 day with breaks as needed. NAEP is much shorter than most state assessments, so multiple-day testing is not supported.
- 2) NAEP assesses students in groups of 25. If a student is tested on a routine basis in a smaller group, please select the "Separate Location" accommodation. NAEP field staff will assist in grouping students into smaller groups.
- 3) For students who need to sit at the front of the room or face the administrator when directions are given, please select Preferential Seating.
- 4) For students who must test in a small group, please select Separate Location.
- 5) For students needing monitoring for placement of their responses on the assessment or to check their understanding, select the "Cueing to Stay on Task" accommodation.
- 6) Please note that NAEP includes the Universal Design Element "Directions Explained/Clarified", permitting students to raise their hand at any time and ask the test administrator to clarify or explain directions.
- 7) Unlike the state assessments, students will only take NAEP in one (1) content area.

8) Tools provided within the assessment platform are known as "Embedded" in Maine.

9) Those provided outside of the assessment platform are known as "Non-Embedded" tools in Maine. Non-Embedded tools should be provided by the school.

Table 1: NAEP Universal Design Elements available to all students
Grade 8 Science -- Digitally Based Assessment on Device

Universal Design Element	Description
Zooming	<p>Enlarges some content onscreen up to two times (2X) the default text/image size on the screen while preserving clarity, contrast, and color.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not include the tutorial, toolbar, item tabs, scrollbars, calculator, and equation editor. • Select the <i>Magnification</i> accommodation if students need all assessment content magnified. <p>Notes from state coordinator: Zooming up to 24 font (maximum)</p>
Individual Testing Experience	<p>Read Aloud and other UDE and accommodations are provided through the device and will not distract other students in the room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have earbuds to reduce distractions. • Students interact directly with device. • Tested with other selected students. • Refer to the accommodation <i>Preferential Seating</i> to minimize distractions for testing with other students. <p>Comparable state accommodations: Small group setting, alternate setting</p>
Directions Read Aloud/Text-to-Speech (English)	<p>All directions in the assessment are text-to-speech enabled, including general directions, directions within the assessment, Tutorial, Help, and Student Questionnaire screens.</p> <p>Comparable state accommodations: Directions - Human Reader, NAEP option is TTS when allowable</p>
Directions Explained/Clarified	<p>Students can raise their hand at any time and ask the test administrator to clarify or explain directions.</p>
Read Aloud/Text-to-Speech (English) – Occasional or Most or All	<p>Students select some or all text to be read aloud by the system using text-to-speech.</p>

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Universal Design Element	Description
Use a Computer/Tablet to Respond	All students respond on NAEP-provided devices.
Color Theming	Option 1: black text on white background (default) Option 2: white text on black background Option 3: black text on beige background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tool is not available for the tutorial and some items. • Select the accommodation <i>High Contrast for Visually Impaired Students</i> if students need all content in high contrast.
Scratchwork/Highlighter Capability	Allows freehand drawing and highlighting on the screen for most content.
Elimination Capability	Students can gray out answer choices for multiple-choice items. This tool is not available for constructed-response items. Comparable state accommodations: Answer eliminator
Volume Adjustment	Students can raise or lower voice-over volume using the device’s volume buttons.
Closed Captioning	All voice-over narration is closed-captioned.
Scratch Paper	Administrators inform students that scratch paper (and pencil) is available upon request.

Table 2: NAEP accommodations provided by test delivery system

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Accommodation	Description
Extended Time	<p>Students are given up to three times (3X) the allotted time to complete the assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If state test is untimed, students may or may not require extended time on NAEP.• Most students are able to complete the NAEP cognitive sections in the time allowed.

Table 3: NAEP accommodations provided outside test delivery system

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Accommodation	Description
Breaks During Test	<p>Students are allowed to take breaks as requested or at predetermined intervals during the assessment. Students can take the assessment in more than one sitting during a single day.</p>

Separate Location

Student is tested in a separate location to meet testing needs as appropriate.

- Refer to the UDE *Individual Testing Experience* and accommodation *Preferential Seating* to determine if separate location is needed.
- May be in the same room but in a specific location or a different room.
- Can be individual or with a small group of students.

Comparable state accommodations: Small group or alternate setting

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Accommodation	Description
Familiar Person Present in Testing Room	<p>The aide who regularly works with the student must be present in the testing room during time of assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only trained NAEP staff may conduct the assessment session. <p>Comparable state accommodations: Ed Tech or other familiar person or aide</p>
Uses Template	<p>Provided by the school. Cutout, masking, color overlays, line reader, or place marker.</p>
Special Equipment	<p>Provided by the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FM system, amplification equipment, auditory amplification device. • Noise buffers, study carrel, blinder, special lighting, adaptive furniture. • Stress ball or sensory fidget item. <p>Comparable state accommodations: Assistive Technology, medical, magnification, or auditory devices</p>
Preferential Seating	<p>Provided by the school. Seating to reduce distractions within the regular testing session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front of the class, close to the test administrator, etc.
Cueing to Stay on Task	<p>Provided by a school staff member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor for understanding, monitor placement of responses. • Redirect to stay on task, reminders to stay on task, prompts to stay on task. • Provide verbal encouragement, reinforcement, refocus. • Track test items.

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Accommodation	Description
Bilingual Dictionary (in any language)	<p>A handheld electronic or hardcopy bilingual dictionary provided by the school in any language that contains English translations of words but does not contain definitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also known as a word-for-word dictionary, word-to-word translation dictionary, or a bilingual word list. <p>Notes from state coordinator: Bilingual one-to-one word glossary (no definitions) provide by school</p>
Other (specify)	<p>Any accommodation not listed above. Please check with your NAEP Coordinator to see if other accommodations are allowed on NAEP.</p>