



THE BEACON SCHOOL

Students with Learning Differences & Standardized Testing Accommodations Frequently Asked Questions

My student has an IEP. How do I ensure that they receive accommodations on College Board exams?

For students with IEPs, College Board accommodations (based on those granted by their IEP) are automatically requested in ninth or early tenth grade. These accommodations, once approved, will apply to any College Board exams (PSAT, SAT, AP) throughout high school. The College Board will communicate their decision in writing, detailing the approved accommodations, with a letter mailed to the address listed on the student's transcript.

If your student has an IEP, but you have not received any correspondence from the College Board, please contact Naisha Baidy-Crews, Beacon's Assistant Principal.

My student has a 504. How do I ensure that they receive accommodations on College Board exams?

Please complete the Accommodations Request form (<https://forms.gle/bn4XyHuKGMn2RVVo7>) attaching any necessary documentation. This allows our Assistant Principal to create an accommodations request in the College Board Online Disability Accommodations Management System. You will receive an email when your request has been submitted to the College Board, and the College Board will communicate their decision on approved accommodations via mail within 4-6 weeks.

My student has an IEP or a 504. How do I ensure that they receive accommodations on the ACT?

The ACT requires that students first register for an exam, before accommodations can be requested.

First, students should register for their preferred ACT test date at actstudent.org, indicating that they will be requesting TAA (testing accommodations) supports.

Next, students or parents/guardians should forward their registration confirmation to Naisha Baidy-Crews, Beacon's Assistant Principal.

Lastly, students or parents/guardians should complete the Accommodations Request form (<https://forms.gle/bn4XyHuKGMn2RVVo7>), attaching any recommended documentation. This allows our Assistant Principal to create an accommodations request in the ACT's online testing accommodations system. You will receive an email when your request has been submitted to the ACT, and the ACT will communicate their decision on approved accommodations via mail within 4-6 weeks.

What kind of documentation is required to request accommodations from the College Board or the ACT?

For more information about the kind of information the College Board considers when reviewing accommodations requests, please visit their SSD Resource Center (<https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/request-accommodations/provide-documentation>).

For more information about the kind of information the ACT considers when reviewing accommodations requests, please visit their TAA Resource Center (<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/accommodations.html>).



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My student received accommodations on College Board exams in the past. How do I confirm that they are registered for an upcoming SAT with the appropriate accommodations?

When registering, please select that the student intends to test with accommodations. The student's SSD number, linked to their accommodations, should appear on the registration page. They should plan to bring a copy of their SSD letter, along with government-issued ID to their testing site on testing day.

My student received accommodations on the ACT in the past. How do I confirm that they are registered for an upcoming ACT with the appropriate accommodations?

ACT accommodations need to be re-requested for each test date. Please register for the exam first, indicating that the student will be requesting accommodations and forward the exam registration to Ms. Baidy-Crews. She will be in touch with any questions about completing your request.

How do I change or modify the accommodations my student receives?

If your student is currently approved for accommodations with the College Board that you would like to modify, please fill out the Accommodations Request Form indicating how you would like these accommodations to change. Please note that documentation may be necessary if adding services.

If a student is registered for an upcoming ACT exam with accommodations already approved, please contact the ACT directly at 319-337-1332.

Where can a student with accommodations take the ACT or SAT?

Most testing centers can accommodate students with time and a half, but seats may be limited so it's important to secure your registration as early as possible. Sites for double-time accommodation can be more difficult to find.

Will a college know how many times I took an exam and see all of my scores?

No, unless a college explicitly requires that a student report ALL scores.

Do any colleges prefer one exam preferred over the other?

No.

Will colleges know that a student used accommodations to test?

No.

Which test is a better fit for a student with an IEP or a 504?

It depends. All students should try a practice SAT and a practice ACT under timed conditions to see which they prefer.