



KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The community of Keller ISD will educate our students to achieve their highest standards of performance by engaging them in exceptional opportunities.

Keller ISD offers national testing throughout each school year. Starting in the fall, students in grades 9-11 may participate in the PSAT NMSQT School Day in October. In March, 11th graders will participate in the SAT school day. Students enrolled in AP courses are encouraged to participate in the corresponding AP Exam(s) in May. In addition, Keller High School and Fossil Ridge High School are both Saturday testing sites for SAT/ACT. The purpose of this letter is to provide general information about the time-sensitive process regarding national testing accommodations for students with disabilities and testing supports for English learners. Accommodations for national testing are very different from accommodations provided on state assessments. Families must initiate the request process through the College Board, ACT, or CTE certification tests.

College Board Testing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities who have testing accommodations documented in a §504 Plan or an Individualized Education Program (IEP) may be eligible for testing accommodations on College Board tests; however, the College Board must approve a formal request for each student. *If the student already has the College Board accommodations they need and they have been approved within the last 5 years from a previous PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, SAT, or AP test, then no further action is needed.* Information about eligibility for testing accommodations for these assessments is available on the College Board website: <https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/eligibility>.

College Board Testing Supports for English Learners: English learners (ELs), as defined by state and federal policy, are eligible for testing supports. EL supports are temporary and can only be used on the test date for which they have been requested. The College Board website provides additional explanations of how EL supports are implemented: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/educators/k-12/english-learner-supports>. EL supports are available for the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT School Day assessments. EL supports are not currently available for the PSAT/NMSQT, AP, CLEP, ACCUPLACER, or the weekend administrations of the SAT. [Click here](#) to read more.

ACT Testing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students who receive accommodations at their school under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and §504 of the Rehabilitation Act will be eligible to receive the allowable testing accommodations when registering for the ACT. They must indicate a need for accommodations on the registration itself which will initiate the process after which, ACT will email the student with the necessary next steps.

ACT Temporary Testing Accommodations

Designated supports also known as temporary arrangements for the ACT may be available to any examinee for whom a need has been identified due to a temporary condition such as a recently occurring accident or illness. Designated supports on ACT National testing dates must be authorized by ACT prior to use. Generally, these supports are authorized for one test date only. Most require advance planning to deliver.

ACT Testing Supports for English Learners

English learners (ELs), as defined by state and federal policy, are eligible for testing supports. EL supports expire and must be reauthorized after the expiration date noted on the decision notification.

TSIA (Texas Success Initiative Assessment) Testing Accommodations

Students with disabilities who would like to request accommodations for testing must contact the disabilities services office at the college or university to identify themselves and provide necessary documentation as requested by the institution. Submitted documentation will be reviewed to determine the appropriate accommodation(s), according to institutional policies and federal and state laws. Advanced planning is necessary for this process.

College Board (PSAT, SAT, AP) Accommodations

For accommodations under the College Board family of tests, including PSAT, SAT, and AP exams, the request process begins with families completing and submitting the required form below. Please return completed forms to Daniel Montemayor in the Assistant Principal office, or by email to Daniel.Montemayor@kellerisd.net.

[College Board consent to release information form](#)

Initial requests for accommodations should be made no later than early August of the school year in which the student will be participating in the national exam to ensure the request is processed in adequate time. Once the consent form has been received, the request and the required documentation will be submitted on the family's behalf. You'll receive a follow-up email once a decision of approved accommodations has been received. Once a student receives approval for College Board accommodations, those accommodations will be provided on any subsequent College Board exams a student takes during their high school career.

Additional information regarding College Board accommodations can be found at the link below.

[College Board Accommodations Website](#)

ACT Accommodations

For the ACT exam, a need for accommodations must be indicated during the registration process for a particular test. Once registered, you will receive an email prompting you to take further action, which includes forwarding the email to your "school official" (Daniel Montemayor) along with the completed ACT consent form, linked below.

[ACT consent to release information form](#)

Unlike College Board accommodations, ACT accommodations do not carry over from one test administration to the next. This process must be repeated each time a student registers to take an ACT exam. Additional information regarding ACT accommodations can be found at the link below.

[ACT Accommodations Website](#)

TSIA Exam Accommodations

For information and to request accommodations for the TSIA, please follow the link below.

[Tarrant County College TSIA Accommodations](#)

CTE Certification Exam Accommodations

For CTE certification testing, please utilize the following [resource](#) which will allow parents/guardians to look up what accommodations are available on each individual certification test. Each individual test has a specific list of available accommodations and it is important for the parent/guardian to work with the certifying agency as far in advance as possible to ensure your student's needs are met.

[TEA Industry-Based Certification Accommodation Chart](#)
