



# Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

## *SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams*

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### Who is Eligible?

Some students with documented disabilities are eligible for accommodations on College Board exams. Students cannot take the **SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams** with accommodations unless their request for accommodations has been approved by Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD). In general, students approved by SSD for College Board testing accommodations meet the criteria discussed below:

#### **1. Student has a documented disability:**

Some examples of disabilities include blindness and visual impairments; learning disorders; physical and medical impairments, such as cerebral palsy and diabetes; and motor impairments. There are many others.

Students must have documentation of their disability, such as a current psycho-educational evaluation or a report from a doctor. The type of documentation needed depends on the student's disability and the accommodations being requested. In some cases, documentation must be submitted to the College Board.

#### **2. Participation in a College Board Exam is impacted**

The disability must result in a relevant functional limitation. In other words, it must impact the student's ability to participate in College Board exams. Students whose disabilities result in functional limitations in the following areas may need accommodations:

- Reading
- Writing
- Sitting for extended periods

On the other hand, students like these may not need accommodations:

- Students who need assistance walking in the hallways or participating in physical education.
- Students with a hearing impairment who need assistance taking notes in class. College Board exams are primarily written exams.
- Students with certain psychiatric conditions, such as some specific phobias, that don't impact them during test taking.

#### **3. Requested Accommodation is Needed**

The student must demonstrate the need for the specific accommodation requested. For example, students requesting extended time should have documentation showing that they have difficulty performing timed tasks, such as testing under timed conditions.

Other typical accommodations include Braille and large-print exams, use of a computer for essays, and extra breaks. However, accommodations are not limited to these; the College Board will consider any accommodation for any documented disability.

#### **4. Accommodation is received on School Tests**

With few exceptions, students who request an accommodation on College Board exams receive that accommodation on tests that they take in school. However, students who receive an accommodation in school or have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan that includes the accommodation do not automatically qualify for the accommodation on College Board exams — they must still be approved by the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities, and in some cases documentation will be requested for the College Board's review. The student's history of receiving accommodations in school and information provided by the school are important in the College Board's review of requests for accommodations.

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#### **The Approval Process Can Take Seven Weeks**

It can take about seven weeks for an accommodations request to be processed when documentation review is required. Because the College Board process includes a thorough review of all information provided, it can take approximately seven weeks. See the [Calendar](#) for deadlines related to College Board test dates.

Approval by the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) is required before students can take the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams with accommodations.

#### **Most Families Work with Their School**

Students and Parents: Requesting accommodations through your school is the best way to get College Board approval for testing with accommodations. [Find out why](#)

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#### **Typical Accommodations**

The College Board considers all reasonable requests for accommodations needed by students with documented disabilities. Available accommodations are not limited to those listed.

Examples of typical accommodations include:

- [Extended time](#)
- [Computer use for essays](#)
- [Extra and extended breaks](#)
- [Reading and seeing accommodations](#)
- [Four-function calculator](#)

If you don't see what you're looking for, view a list of [other accommodations](#)