

# **Standardized Testing and Students with Learning Differences:**

## **A Guide for TKA Homeschool Parent & Students**

Parents and students,

If your student has been tested by an educational psychologist and is determined to have a learning difference there are certain accommodations that can be provided for your student based on the educational psychologist recommendations. The student's psychoeducational testing has to be current (within the last 3 years) for your student to be eligible for testing accommodations.

TerraNova testing:

Your student may be eligible for extended or untimed testing, to have the test questions read aloud, or to be tested separately if this will accommodate his/her learning difference as stated on by the educational psychologist. All K-8 TerraNova testing accommodations must have current psychoeducational testing on file and be pre-approved thru the homeschool coordinator, Heather Boschert and Mrs. Voiles, school guidance counselor.

Pre-ACT testing & PSAT (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades):

Your student may be eligible for extended time on the Pre-ACT and PSAT school administered testing if this will accommodate his/her learning difference according to the student's current psychoeducational testing. All Pre-ACT and PSAT testing accommodations must be pre-approved thru the homeschool coordinator, Heather Boschert and Mrs. Voiles, school guidance counselor.

PSAT (11<sup>th</sup> graders):

Your student may be eligible for extended time on the PSAT school administered testing if this will accommodate his/her learning difference according to the student's current psychoeducational testing. Since the PSAT is a national scholarship competition for 11<sup>th</sup> graders, approval for testing accommodations must come from College Board (the makers of the PSAT). The PSAT is normally given the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in October, so if your student needs accommodations for this test, you must contact Mrs. Voiles at the end of August to get the paperwork submitted online for possible accommodations. More information can be found at <https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities>.

#### ACT (all high school grades):

Your student may be eligible for extended time and/or other accommodations on the ACT if this will accommodate his/her learning difference according to the student's current psychoeducational testing. ACT offers different accommodations: extended time and special testing. Special testing is designed for students with several different significant learning differences. Special testing can include things such as testing one section at a time on different days. To be approved for ACT extended time testing or special testing paperwork must be completed by the parents and student. Again, the testing has to be current (within the last 3 years). ACT will require a copy of the student's testing and a list of any previous testing done with accommodations. The paperwork must be completed and everything mailed in to ACT by Mrs. Voiles, school guidance counselor.

For extended time ACT accommodations, students must register for an ACT test online and bring Mrs. Voiles a copy of the student's admission ticket. Parents and student will then sign the paperwork for permission to send ACT the student's testing and a list of any previous testing done with accommodations. The paperwork is submitted and ACT then notifies the parents and student of their decision about requested accommodations.

For special testing ACT accommodations, the parents and student must notify Mrs. Voiles of their desire for special testing ACT accommodations. The parents and student sign the request for special ACT testing and Mrs. Voiles sends in the request along with a copy of the student's testing and a list of any previous testing done with accommodations. The paperwork is submitted and ACT then notifies the parents and students of their decision about requested accommodations. For more information, visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

#### SAT (all high school grades):

Your student may be eligible for extended time and/or other accommodations on the SAT if this will accommodate his/her learning difference according to the student's current psychoeducational testing. SAT requires that all requests for test accommodations be provided online. If a parent and/or student want accommodations for the SAT test, they need to notify Mrs. Voiles. The request will be submitted online. Parents and student must sign a permission form for Mrs. Voiles to release the student's testing information and a list of any previous testing done with accommodations. SAT will notify the parents and student of their decision about requested accommodations. More information can be found at <https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities>.

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