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To: ACT Now User Roles: Test Accommodations Coordinator

Subject: Clarification on Designated Supports for Students Taking the ACT with Writing



Spring 2025 Illinois State Testing

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To: Test accommodations coordinators

Dear Test Accommodations Coordinator,

ACT would like to remind you that many accommodations and supports your students need are classified as [designated supports](#) for state testing. Your students **may use these supports** when taking the ACT with Writing this spring.

We are reaching out to you to provide this clarification because you submitted requests in ACT's TAA System for your students to use designated supports (e.g. small group testing, preferential seating) and received a decision notification indicating the request was not approved. This does **not** mean your students cannot use these supports—rather, it means that you do **not** need ACT's authorization to provide them. Specifically, the decision notification for these students stated:

"The requested accommodation is not approved because:

- It is a [Designated Support](#) and does not need to be approved for State and District testing dates.
- If you wish to use Designated Supports on a future National test date, you may work with your school to resubmit a request after you register.
- Small group in isolation is not currently available for National testing."

Designated supports can be provided together with other designated supports or in combination with ACT-authorized accommodations and/or English learner supports. We want to ensure that you and your colleagues are fully aware that these supports can be made available to your students.

Please be sure to share this with your test coordinators, school test coordinators, and test proctors. If you have questions, please contact ACT at ACTStateAccoms@act.org or 800-553-6244 ext. 1788.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

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