

DYSLEXIA BUNDLED ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TAKS



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One of the most important academic skills a student develops is that of reading. Some students struggle in learning to read due to difficulties in decoding individual words or other skills which lead the student to being identified as having a learning disorder known as dyslexia. The characteristics of dyslexia, such as the difficulty reading words in isolation, vary in severity by student and are countered by emphasizing special techniques to assist with development of reading skills. Students identified as needing this training are monitored through special programs including Special Education, 504, or Dyslexia.

Students known to struggle with dyslexia may be eligible to receive a special set of accommodations known as the Dyslexia Bundled Accommodations (DBA) which are designed to minimize the impact of this disorder during the TAKS reading test. The dyslexia bundled accommodations are available for eligible students taking TAKS or TAKS (Accommodated) at grades 3 through 8 as the students are learning these techniques. Student eligibility is determined by a committee familiar with the student's reading disability.

There are three accommodations provided through the dyslexia bundled accommodation:

- Orally reading all proper nouns associated with each passage before students begin individual reading,
- Orally reading all test questions and answer choices to students, and
- Extending the testing time over a two-day period

The three accommodations being "bundled," means the accommodations must be provided together or not at all in accordance with empirical evidence used in designing this accommodation. The bundled accommodations are not available for students taking TAKS-M since the TAKS-M test is modified and provides similar accommodations as part of its design.

While the DBA is only allowable during the TAKS Reading tests for grades 3 through 8 for eligible dyslexic students, there are other accommodations separately available for some students on certain other subject tests. These allow the test administrator to provide reading assistance (TAKS Math, grade 3 only) or oral administration (all TAKS Math, Science, and Social Studies tests).

References: www.tea.state.tx.us

[Texas Student Assessment Program 2010-2011 Accommodations Manual](#), published by Texas Education Agency