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From: Hollins, Samantha (DOE) <Samantha.Hollins@doe.virginia.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:12 PM
To: **REDACTED**
Subject: Re: IRW Field Test Administration

Ms. Oettinger,

Thank you for your email to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). The stand-alone field test that is occurring in spring 2023 is to try out a new assessment item type for the Standards of Learning (SOL) grade 5, grade 8, and end-of-course (EOC) Reading tests for possible use in future test administrations. Because the intent of the field test is to gather information on these new items rather than to produce student scores, braille, large print, and paper versions of the items have not been produced, and students requiring these accommodations are not required to participate in the field test. As an exception, students who receive an audio accommodation on an SOL Reading test may receive a read-aloud accommodation during the field test as an alternative to administering an audio form; however, if the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team or 504 plan committee determines that the read-aloud accommodation is not an appropriate alternative, these students are not required to participate. These accommodations will be available in future test administrations where this new item type is included and student scores are produced.

-Dr. S. Hollins



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Jillian, Elizabeth, Kim & Sam,

VDOE is engaging in discrimination against students who have disabilities.

Pursuant to the email below, counties like FCPS have no problem following along.

The fact that students aren't being graded doesn't matter. What matters is that VDOE is NOT collecting data from students who have disabilities and not providing a means for them to even take the assessments.

Pursuant to the below, "All students who are scheduled to take the online grades 5, 8, and EOC SOL reading tests in spring 2023 will participate in the online field test; however, the field test is not available in special formats (i.e., audio, paper/pencil, braille, and large print test forms will not be offered during the field test). Students with accommodations who require a paper format test (e.g., Test Over Multiple Days) will not participate in the spring 2023 IRW field test."

How did anyone think this a good idea?

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From: Tina Wrubluski <e-Notify@fcps.edu>

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 4:01 PM

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Date: February 13, 2023

To: Parent/Guardians of students with a current 504 Plan

From: Tina Wrubluski, Sr. Educational Services Specialist, Section 504

Re: Online Integrated Reading/Writing (IRW) Field Test Administration, spring 2023 Accommodations

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) announced that school divisions are required to administer the *online integrated reading/writing (IRW) field test* to all students who are scheduled to take the online grade 5, 8, and End-of-Course (EOC) Standards of Learning (SOL) reading tests in spring 2023. IRW Field Test results will be used for VDOE data collection purposes and scores will not be available for any participants, so the data will not impact your child's course grade or academic record.

To prepare for the addition of this new item type in the grades 5, 8, and EOC SOL reading tests in spring 2024, a full scale, stand-alone field test will occur in March 2023 to try out the items with students.

All students who are scheduled to take the online grades 5, 8, and EOC SOL reading tests in spring 2023 will participate in the online field test; however, the field test is not available in special formats (i.e., audio, paper/pencil, braille, and large print test forms will not be offered during the field test). Students with accommodations who require a paper format test (e.g., Test Over Multiple Days) will not participate in the spring 2023 IRW field test.

Students who require accommodations to access these assessments will be provided classroom and/or state assessment testing accommodations documented in their current 504 Plan.

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