Accommodations Webinar

Hosted by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Today’s Presentation

• Will be recorded
• The final webinar recording, Power Point presentation, and supporting documents will be available at:
  • http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/policies/accom/
  • http://www.ncwise.org/training_recordings.html
Agenda

• Introductions
• Purpose
• Part I: Understanding Requirements and Making Decisions
  – USED Requirements
  – Meeting the Needs of Eligible Students
  – Accommodation Documentation
• Break for Questions
• Part II: Entering Data in CECAS and NC WISE
  – Data Entry
  – Reports
Introduction

DPI Staff representing the following areas:
• Testing Policy
• Accountability IT Staff (ATEAM)
• Section 504
• LEP
• Exceptional Children
• CECAS
• NC WISE
Overarching Goals

• To ensure eligible students have access to state tests using accommodations
• To ensure that all accommodations that a student is eligible to receive are considered and the required ones are documented
• To ensure all required testing accommodations are provided during testing
Purpose of Webinar

• Provide local teams with a broad overview of the NC DPI’s system for Implementing and Monitoring Testing Accommodations
• Provide updates about documenting testing accommodations so that a complete record of all required testing accommodations for a student exists
• Provide specific information about how to enter accommodation data into CECAS and NC WISE
• Provide additional information regarding Accommodations Reports available from CECAS, NC WISE and the ATEAM for auditing and monitoring purposes
Audience

Invited local teams (LEA and/or school level) consisting of staff representing:

• Exceptional Children
• Section 504
• LEP
• Testing Coordinators
• NC WISE and CECAS Coordinators
• Data Managers
Part I: Understanding Requirements and Making Decisions
USED Requirements

• USED must approve the North Carolina Testing and Accountability Programs
• The NC DPI must submit evidence of a system for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of testing accommodations
Components of the System

- Resources for helping teams/committees make and document decisions about testing accommodations
- Documentation of required accommodations
- Documentation of provided accommodations
- Documentation of usage of accommodations
Documentation of Testing
Accommodations for USED

Fall 2010–2011

• **Required**: School Improvement Plan in NC WISE and DEC 4 (IEP) in CECAS

• **Provided**: Answer sheets (and later uploaded into NC WISE)

• **How Used**: *Review of Accommodations Used During Testing* forms
Students Eligible for Accommodations

- Students with disabilities with current IEPs
- Students with current Section 504 Plans
- Students identified as LEP
  - Score of <5.0 Bridging on reading subtest of W-APT/ACCESS for ELLs
  - Score of <5.0 Bridging on writing subtest of W-APT/ACCESS for ELLs (only for Writing Test)
- Students with current transitory impairment documentation
Collaboration

• The NC DPI has utilized collaboration to develop requirements for collecting, reporting, and monitoring accommodations.

• March 9, 2010, memo and March 17, 2010, webinar encouraged school systems to involve teams in the webinar and implementation process.

• Spring 2010 Implementation of Monitoring of EOG and EOC tests

• Team approach fosters child-centered, results-oriented decision-making
Poll
Collaboration in an Effective Team

• Communication
• Commitment
• Easier to Resolve Conflict
• Efficient Use of Resources
• Efficient Use of Strengths
• Positive Relationships
• Positive Outcomes for Students
“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success!”

- Henry Ford
A student with more than one identification…

• Use the following Hierarchy of Accommodation Documentation

  A. IEP

  B. Section 504 Plan

  C. LEP Documentation

  D. Transitory Impairment Documentation
Documentation Scenario – Which would you use?

- **Student is eligible for a Section 504 Plan and currently has an IEP.**

- **Hierarchy**
  - IEP
  - Section 504 Plan
  - LEP Documentation
  - Transitory Impairment Documentation
Documentation Scenario – Which would you use?

• Student has an IEP and is also identified as LEP.

• Hierarchy
  – IEP
  – Section 504 Plan
  – LEP Documentation
  – Transitory Impairment Documentation
Documentation Scenario – Which would you use?

• Student has a Section 504 Plan and also has a transitory impairment necessitating testing accommodations.

• Hierarchy
  – IEP
  – Section 504 Plan
  – LEP Documentation
  – Transitory Impairment Documentation
Be Consistent: Testing Accommodations Language

- Must align with language of state-approved testing accommodations
  - IEP
  - Section 504 Plan
  - LEP Documentation
  - Transitory Impairment Documentation
- Resources available at http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/policies/accom/
Review of Accommodations Used During Testing Forms for 2010 - 2011
Review of Accommodations Used During Testing Forms

- Two forms
  - standard
  - NCEXTEND1
- One form per test, per administration
- Any local changes to state form - LEA Test Coordinator must contact RAC for approval

Three Purposes:
1. Documentation of accommodations required, provided, and used
2. Data entry into NC WISE or CECAS
3. Used for future accommodations decisions
**Responsibilities**

Completed during team meeting and recorded in NC WISE or CECAS

Copy given to the following school staff as needed:
- Test Coordinator
- EC
- Section 504
- LEP
- Transitory Impairment

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![Form Image]
### Responsibilities

Completed during/after testing

File with documentation:
- IEP
- Section 504 Plan
- LEP Documentation
- Transitory Impairment Documentation
Necessary Accuracy of Accommodations Information

- Local plan for ensuring accuracy of data recorded on *Review of Accommodations Used During Testing* forms
- Local plan for ensuring congruence of information across student accommodations documentation, *Review of Accommodations Provided During Testing* forms, and testing schedule
Pop Quiz
Questions?

• Importance of Providing Accommodations and Monitoring
• Components of the System Approved by USED
• Who is Eligible for Accommodations
• Looking at the Whole Child and Need to Collaborate
• Hierarchy of Accommodation
• New Review of Accommodation Form and Process
• Using the Form with Teams/Committees
Part II: Entering Required Testing Accommodations in CECAS and NC WISE
Agenda

• If Using CECAS DEC4…
• Recording Required Testing Accommodations in CECAS
• Recording Required Testing Accommodations in NC WISE
• State Reporting and Required Testing Accommodations
If Using CECAS DEC4

- If you use CECAS DEC4 to record accommodations for IEP students, continue to do so
  - If you do not currently use CECAS DEC4, you can choose to start or you must use NC WISE
- All students who do not have an IEP must be entered in NC WISE
- LEAs must be fully trained in CECAS DEC4 and in NC WISE
Record Required Testing Accommodations In CECAS
CECAS Testing Accommodations

• Currently located on the CECAS IEP/DEC4 EC Form

• Documented on the Testing & Accommodations screen

• The Case Manager documents the testing accommodations in CECAS
Document Special Ed Data & Access CECAS EC Forms

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Create the DEC4 Form in CECAS

Select **IEP/DEC4** from **Form Name** drop list and click the **Save** button.
Opening the DEC4 EC Form

From the EC Forms List screen, click the IEP/DEC4 link.

Click the View Form button on the EC Form Detail screen.

Click the View Form button on the compliance Errors and Warnings screen.
Location of Testing
Accommodations
II. North Carolina Assessment Program

Select the appropriate state assessment(s) that will allow the student to demonstrate his/her knowledge. Select testing accommodations that correlate to classroom accommodations used routinely throughout the academic year. Accommodations that are listed on the IEP must be used on a routine basis in classroom instruction. For specifics regarding accommodation use and availability for specific tests, refer to the Testing Students With Disabilities publication, available at http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/policies/tehd/.

IEP teams are instructed to select for each assessment, only those accommodations that do not invalidate the score.

- Student is not required to participate because of his/her grade level
- Student will participate in the testing program under Standard Conditions, with Accommodations, or will be assessed using Alternative Assessment. Indicate the student’s testing participation below:

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Accommodation: *Test Format + Assistive Technologies/Devices and Special Arrangements **Test Environment

Specifics regarding Accommodation use:

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Select the appropriate test

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Accommodations:
- ACCESS - Listening
- ACCESS - Speaking
- ACCESS - Reading
- ACCESS - Writing
- Other (specify in comment)
Select the appropriate accommodation(s)

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Specifics regarding Accommodation use:
Document the Specifics Regarding Accommodation Use

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Specifics regarding Accommodation use:

Document specifics regarding accommodation use in this text field.
Documented Testing Accommodation(s) Display at Bottom of the Screen
Validate the IEP/DEC4 Form

Errors And Warnings

Following error(s) and/or warning(s) were encountered during the form validation process. A form’s status will not change to ‘Closed/Verified’ if any errors are found, but the form changes will be saved.

No errors found.
Close/Verify the IEP/DEC4 Form

Purpose, Duration & Profile

Status: Meeting
Closed/Verified
Meeting

Purpose:
- Initial 3-21
- Annual Review
- Reevaluation
- Addendum
- Initial Part C to B

Duration of Special Education and Related Services

Duration From: 3/30/2010
Duration To: 3/29/2011

Primary Area of Eligibility:
Specific Learning Disability

Secondary Area of Eligibility:
- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deafness
- Developmental Delay

Student Profile
Student’s overall strengths:

Testing (child’s name) is very social. He tries very hard to complete all assignments.

Public Schools of North Carolina
Preview the C/V IEP/DEC4

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)

Duration of Special Education and Related Services From: 03/30/2010 To: 03/29/2011
Student: Testing CECAS Accommodations DOB: 03/30/1986 UID: G6Y4/1E74A
LEA: Training LEA (Western) School: Training School (Western) Grade: Such Grade

Primary Area of Eligibility: Specific Learning
* Reported on Child Count Readability

Student Profile
Student's overall strengths:
Testing (child's name) is very social. He is tries very hard to complete all assignments.

Summarize assessment information (e.g. from early intervention providers, child outcome measures, curriculum based measures, state and district assessment results, etc.) and review of progress on current IEP/IFSP goals:
Testing (child's name) is progressing toward completing his goals and objectives.

Parent's concerns, if any, for enhancing the student's education:
Parent would like to see Testing (child's name) read at grade level.

Parent's / Student's vision for student's future:
Parent would like to see Testing (child's name) complete high school and college one day.

Consideration of Transitions
If a transition (e.g. new school, family circumstances, etc.) is anticipated during the life of this IEP/IFSP
CECAS Reports
The NC Testing report in CECAS can be found by opening the Reports folder then the EC Process folder.
Select the desired criteria for the report and click preview to view the report.
The report displays student name, grade, exceptionality, test, accommodations, and comments.
Available Training Sessions

CECAS Contacts’ DEC4 Training Workshop (NC DPI)
- Assigned dates August 2 – 5
- Registration Required

CECAS EC Forms Refresher (Webinar)
- August 5 & 19 and September 30
- Registration Required

Training sessions with associated registration links located on CECAS Information Site:
www.nccecas.org
CECAS Demo
CECAS Questions?
Recording Required Testing Accommodations In NC WISE
Required Testing Accommodations…

- One plan type per record
  - Reminder: The hierarchy determines plan type

- One test per record

- NC WISE schools not using the CECAS DEC 4 form must record all required accommodations in eSIS.
Data Entry Personnel

- Security is an LEA decision
- Record only what is on the *Review of Accommodations Used During Testing* form
- If the paper form lists more than one plan type, return it to the Case Manager for correction
  - The hierarchy is the responsibility of the Case Manager
- Anytime the *Review of Accommodations Used During Testing* form changes, you must close the old plan and create a new one.
Student Plans – Path...
Student Plans tab

The Plan type is listed here (IEP, Section 504, LEP or Transitory Impairment).

The accommodation(s) are listed here.
Standardized Test tab

The test is entered here.

Use the Print icon to view a report of all accommodations recorded for the student currently listed.
Closing Student Plans
Why Would I Close a Plan?

- Receiving a new form
- Admitting a new student
Closing a Student Plan

1. From the Student Plan tab, query for the appropriate student.

2. Type the applicable End Date.

3. Click Save.
Answers to Common Questions about Accessibility

- Student Plans do transfer in the same DataCenter
- Student Plans do not transfer outside of the DataCenter
- Student Plans are visible after YET
- It is up to the LEA who receives access to the eSIS screen
- Teacher Assistant Module (TAM) users will not have access
Things to Remember
Things to Remember

• **For state reporting purposes**, Section 504 information is recorded within the **Programs** screen.

• Use the **Print** icon located at the bottom of the screen to see all required testing accommodations for a given student.

• A Reporting Hub report has been created to export all required testing accommodations data for a given school.

• The Student Plans List will show all Plans for a single student.
Student Plans List screen
The Reporting Hub Report
Locating the Reporting Hub Report


2. Type your **User Name, Password, and Database**
   
   *Note: This is the same as your eSIS username, password, and database*

3. Click the **Report Search** tab
Locating the Reporting Hub Report

4. Type the following in the Search text: “Accommodations”

5. Click the <search> button

6. Click the Accommodations report to add to your Preferred Reports (A check mark indicates it is selected)
Running the Reporting Hub Report

1. Click the “Run Reports” tab

2. From the left side, expand the report list

3. Click the plus “+” sign to expand the folder/tree

4. Click the report title, “Accommodations”
   - The Report Viewing area will display and the report will execute
Running the Reporting Hub Report

4. Download and extract the report data

5. Select column headers; column separators (comma separator is the default);

6. Select download to open the extract and view the data or to save the extract
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Reference Materials

- http://www.ncwise.org/
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Questions?

- Entering Plans in NC WISE
- Closing Plans in NC WISE
- Transfer Students and Plans in NC WISE
State Reporting
State Accommodations Reporting

* CECAS IEPs Accommodations
* NC WISE 504, IEPs, LEP, Transitory Accommodations
* NC WISE Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS)
* NC WISE Wake County
* Provided Accommodations WinScan Records “SCO”

*Accountability IT (ATEAM) Merge

* Reports Monitoring Difference

First Report August
Wrap up –

- Joint meeting for Testing, Exceptional Children, Section 504, and LEP Directors/Coordinators
- September 14th
- McKimmon Center in Raleigh, NC
- Instructional Accommodations, Response to Intervention, Results of Spring 2010 Monitoring, Testing Updates