

BOE Accommodations

- ▶ **An overarching guide for any district when identifying accommodations in their respective District BOE Plans:**

- ▶ **WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RULES AND REGULATIONS (2008): CHAPTER 31, SECTION 10 (F);**

(f) The body of evidence for special needs students shall include accommodations in accordance with their individualized educational programs or 504 plans, and the policies as described in the *Policies for the Participation of All Students in District and Statewide Assessment and Accountability Systems*, which is available from the Wyoming Department of Education, 2300 Capitol Avenue, Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002-0050. These accommodations shall not substantially alter the character of the assessments used to measure student performance.

- ▶ For the use of accommodations in BOE systems in the state of Wyoming, WDE offers the following key points:
 - Use of *accommodations* and administration of *standard accommodations* to promote access to students to demonstrate their acquired knowledge and skills as measured by district assessments should be limited to eligible students defined as students with IEPs, students with 504 Plans, and English Language Learners consistent with the State's definition of this terms and administration of accommodations;
 - Access to promote student demonstration of acquired knowledge and skills of students who are not included in one of these three groups should be provided within BOE systems through the use of multiple opportunities to be assessed, multiple measures including different assessment formats and types, and should reflect best practices in teaching and assessing with regard to differentiation and individual learning styles;
- ▶ For the use of accommodations in BOE systems in the state of Wyoming, WDE offers the following key points: (cont.)
 - Administration of *standard accommodations* during district assessments should be consistent with measurement constructs and result in valid results and comparable test performance;
 - Guidance is provided to BOE systems via the Wyoming Accommodations Manual for Instruction and Assessment
http://www.k12.wy.us/SAA/Paws/Paws_Info/Docs/AccommodationsManual.pdf
 - And the 2009 Standard Accommodations for PAWS
http://www.k12.wy.us/SAA/Paws/Paws_Info/Docs/PAWS_accomodations.PDF

- ▶ Please keep in mind, the WDE will assist districts in identifying needs in the area of accommodations and then work to provide the necessary technical assistance to help districts improve their processes in selecting and implementing appropriate accommodations for their BOE assessments.
- ▶ In no way should this guidance be construed as the only measure of accommodations that could be allowed. It is a starting point for districts in providing accommodations.