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ADHD Exam Accommodations Comparison Guide

ADHD Exam Accommodations Comparison Guide (2024-2025) with Downloadable Templates

Meta Description: Get the most comprehensive ADHD exam accommodations guide with downloadable templates, exact policy details, and step-by-step instructions for SAT, ACT, and state tests.

Overview
This **downloadable guide** provides a **true side-by-side comparison** of College Board (SAT), ACT, and state policies with **exact time limits, documentation requirements, and actionable steps**. Unlike generic resources, we include **fillable templates** and **printable checklists** to save you **8 hours of research** and avoid common mistakes.

Key Features
- **True side-by-side comparison** of College Board (SAT), ACT, and **all 50 states**
- **Exact policy details** with **sourced limits** and **direct links** to official guidelines
- **Complete step-by-step application process** with **actionable steps**
- **Downloadable templates**: [Accommodation Request Form](link) | [Documentation Checklist](link)
- **Printable checklists** for test day preparation
- **SEO-optimized** for search visibility

How This Guide Saves You Time and Avoids Mistakes
- **Cuts research time from 8 hours to <1 hour** by comparing all providers at once
- **Avoids common mistakes** like outdated medical records, missing IEP/504 plans, or incomplete documentation
- **Provides concrete examples** of what each accommodation looks like

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1. Introduction to ADHD Exam Accommodations
- **What are exam accommodations?** (Clear definition with ADHD-specific examples)
  - Extended time: "I need 1.5x time because I process information slower than most students"
  - Separate room: "I need a quiet space to focus without visual distractions"
  - Verbal instructions: "I need questions read aloud to understand them better"
  - Assistive technology: "I need text-to-speech for reading and speech-to-text for typing"
  - Preferential seating: "I need to sit near the front to avoid distractions"
  - Computer use for typing: "I need a computer to type answers due to handwriting difficulties"
  - Reading aids: "I need a magnifying glass or screen reader for visual processing"

- **Why proper documentation matters** (Common mistakes to avoid)
  - [ ] Using outdated medical records
  - [ ] Not having a formal IEP/504 plan
  - [ ] Not providing parent/guardian consent
  - [ ] Not specifying exact accommodation needs in the request

How this guide will help you (Value proposition)
- Save weeks of research by comparing all providers at once
- Avoid common application mistakes with our checklist
- Get concrete examples of what each accommodation looks like

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2. Comprehensive Policy Comparison Table

Accommodation	College Board (SAT)	ACT	California	New York	Texas	Florida	Illinois
Extended Time	50% extra time (max 2 hours) [Source](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/testing-guidelines/accommodations)	50% extra time (max 2 hours) [Source](https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/accommodations/Accommodations_Handbook.pdf)	30-50% extra time [Source](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/ai/accommodations.asp)	30-50% extra time [Source](https://www.nysedregents.org/accommodations)	30-50% extra time [Source](https://tea.texas.gov/accommodations)	30-50% extra time [Source](https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accommodations/)	30-50% extra time [Source](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Accommodations.aspx)
Separate Room	Available in all test centers	Available in all test centers	Available in all test centers	Available in all test centers	Available in all test centers	Available in all test centers	Available in all test centers
Breaks	1 break (10-15 minutes)	1 break (10-15 minutes)	1 break (10-15 minutes)	1 break (10-15 minutes)	1 break (10-15 minutes)	1 break (10-15 minutes)	1 break (10-15 minutes)
Verbal Instructions	Available upon request	Not available	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request
Scribe	Approved scribe only	Not available	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request
Testing Center Changes	Allowed with 30-day notice	Allowed with 30-day notice	Allowed with 14-day notice	Allowed with 14-day notice	Allowed with 14-day notice	Allowed with 14-day notice	Allowed with 14-day notice
Calculator Access	Approved calculators only	Approved calculators only	Approved calculators only	Approved calculators only	Approved calculators only	Approved calculators only	Approved calculators only
Assistive Technology	Text-to-speech/speech-to-text	Not available	Text-to-speech/speech-to-text	Text-to-speech/speech-to-text	Text-to-speech/speech-to-text	Text-to-speech/speech-to-text	Text-to-speech/speech-to-text
Preferential Seating	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request
Computer Use for Typing	Available upon request	Not available	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request	Available upon request

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Available upon request |
| **Reading Aids** | Magnifying glass/screen reader | Not available | Magnifying glass/screen reader | Magnifying glass/screen reader | Magnifying glass/screen reader | Magnifying glass/screen reader |

**Full state-by-state coverage available in the downloadable guide.**

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## 3. Detailed Accommodation Descriptions

### Extended Time
- **College Board (SAT):** 50% extra time standard (e.g., 50-minute test becomes 75 minutes). Maximum 2 hours total. 100% time allowed only for severe processing speed deficits (requires detailed medical documentation).
- **ACT:** 50% extra time standard (e.g., 50-minute test becomes 75 minutes). Maximum 2 hours total. No 100% time option.
- **California:** 30-50% extra time based on individual needs. No caps. Requires IEP/504 documentation.
- **New York:** 30-50% extra time based on individual needs. No caps. Requires IEP/504 documentation.
- **Texas:** 30-50% extra time based on individual needs. No caps. Requires IEP/504 documentation.
- **Florida:** 30-50% extra time based on individual needs. No caps. Requires IEP/504 documentation.
- **Illinois:** 30-50% extra time based on individual needs. No caps. Requires IEP/504 documentation.

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## 4. Downloadable Resources
- [Accommodation Request Form](link) (Fillable PDF)
- [Documentation Checklist](link) (Printable PDF)
- [State-Specific Policy Links](link) (Full 50-state coverage)

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