

LAS Links and Connecticut Alternate Assessment of English Language Proficiency (CAAELP)
Text-to-Speech (TTS) vs. Read Aloud

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<p>1. LAS Links Text-to-Speech (TTS) Accommodation for the Reading Domain (and Writing Domain) requires an IEP or Section 504 Plan documenting the student has a print disability and requires reading of reading passages during instruction and assessments across the curriculum. (Enter TTS accommodation for student test session.)</p> <p>2. LAS Links Read Aloud Accommodation for the Reading Domain requires an IEP or Section 504 Plan documenting the student has a print disability and requires reading of passages by a human reader during instruction and assessments across the curriculum. This accommodation is generally considered for students who cannot use the technology of TTS due to disability related needs (e.g. use of cochlear implants) or other issues (Enter Category 3 accommodation, not TTS). This accommodation requires the student to be tested individually and the educator reading to the student must be trained in test administration and read and sign the LAS Links Read Aloud Accommodation Guidelines and Security Agreement.</p> <p>3. Read Aloud for Writing Domain may be provided by a human reader for the student if an educator/educator team has determined that the student has a need for this designated support for the read aloud of test items only. The IEP or Section 504 Plan indicates the student requires a designated support for reading of test items only on the Smarter Balanced Assessments. This accommodation requires the student to be tested individually. The educator reading the items to the student must be trained in test administration and read and provide a signature on the LAS Links Read Aloud Accommodation Guidelines and Security Agreement. (Enter Category 3 accommodation, not TTS).</p> <p><u>Additional Resources:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LAS Links Reader Options Table ▪ LAS Links Decision Guidelines for Text-to-Speech Accommodation for the Reading Domain ▪ LAS Links Documented Evidence for a Read Aloud Accommodation for the Reading Domain ▪ LAS Links Read Aloud Accommodation for the Reading Domain Guidelines and Security/Confidentiality Agreement ▪ LAS Links Functionality Without Text To Speech Accommodation 	<p>All CAAELP domains are read aloud to students who are tested individually by trained administrators. This reading aloud includes items, response options and passages.</p>