

Accommodations information for Advanced Academics and College Admissions testing

Students who receive accommodations through §504 or through Special Education Services should be aware that accommodations may be available for them in college-aligned coursework and in college admissions testing.

The information in this document is designed to help students and parents navigate requests for accommodations from organizations beyond Hays CISD. Hays CISD employees help facilitate these requests, but decisions rendered by partner organizations (College Board, ACT, Austin Community College, the University of Texas) are beyond the control of Hays CISD.

College Aligned Coursework

- **Advanced Placement (AP) Classes and Exams**
 - AP teachers are high school teachers and as such follow accommodations documented in §504 plans and Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students who are served through §504 or Special Education. These accommodations are provided for assignments and assessments in AP classes.
 - The same accommodations may or may not be available for AP Exams. Please click [here](#) for more information. Students will work with the school's College Board Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) coordinator (contacts for each campus below) to apply for accommodations through College Board. Please note that the deadline for application for accommodations on AP Exams in 2022 is January 18, 2022.
- **OnRamps Dual Enrollment (through UT Austin)**—OnRamps courses are taught by high school teachers in conjunction with professors at the University of Texas at Austin. Students should follow the directions on [this page](#) to indicate to the college professor their needs. OnRamps students communicate with college professors through their Enrollment Portal.
- **Dual Credit through Austin Community College (ACC)**—Students who are enrolled in ACC courses on a high school campus, online, or on an ACC campus must apply for accommodations through ACC's office of Student Accessibility Services. Information on how to apply and required documentation is located [here](#).

College Admissions Testing

- **College Board (PSAT, SAT, and AP Exams)**—To receive accommodations for the PSAT, SAT, or AP exam, students must work with the SSD coordinator on their campus (contacts below) to request accommodations. (Read about the process [here](#).) Requests need to be made at least seven weeks prior to the date of the test. Once approved for accommodations for any College Board test, those accommodations apply to all tests and do not require further action. *(Please note that 8th grade students taking the PSAT 8/9 exam do not need to apply for accommodations through College Board; those are handled locally. Any accommodations that students have for local and state assessments that are also available for PSAT 8/9 are automatically granted.)*
- **ACT**—To receive accommodations on the ACT exam, students must work with the designated person on their campus (contacts below) to apply for accommodations. (Read about the

process [here](#).) According to the ACT website, it takes 10-14 days for a response to an accommodation request. Please keep this time frame in mind and work to submit accommodations at least a month prior to the expected test date to ensure ample time for response from ACT.

- **TSIA2**—Some accommodations that must be provided for other exams (such as extended time and the capacity to change the appearance of the test on the screen) are built into the TSIA2. For more information on the accessibility features built in to the test, please see [here](#). More extensive accommodations may require that high school counselors work with the partnering dual credit institution (in this case Austin Community College) to determine appropriate accommodations. For questions regarding accommodations on TSIA2, please speak with the College and Career Readiness counselor on your campus.

Hays CISD Contacts for Accommodations in College Admissions Testing

Hays High School

- College Board SSD (PSAT, SAT, AP)—Stephanie Howard (Stephanie.Howard@hayscisd.net)
- ACT— Stephanie Howard (Stephanie.Howard@hayscisd.net)
- TSIA2—Julie Gooden (Julie.Gooden@hayscisd.net)

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- College Board SSD (PSAT, SAT, AP)—Pam Ferris (Pam.Ferris@hayscisd.net)
- ACT— Pam Ferris (Pam.Ferris@hayscisd.net)
- TSIA2— Pam Ferris (Pam.Ferris@hayscisd.net)

Johnson High School

- College Board SSD (PSAT, SAT, AP)—Catheryn Chairez (Catheryn.Chairez@hayscisd.net)
- ACT—Emily Decorte (Emily.Decorte@hayscisd.net)
- TSIA2—Lindarae Johnson (Lindarae.Johnson@hayscisd.net)

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- College Board SSD (PSAT, SAT, AP)—Ann Ybarbo (Ann.Ybarbo@hayscisd.net)
- ACT— Ann Ybarbo (Ann.Ybarbo@hayscisd.net)
- TSIA2— Ann Ybarbo (Ann.Ybarbo@hayscisd.net)