Smarter Balanced Assessment: Accessibility Overview for Families

What accessibility resources are available for my child?

What are they called?

Accessibility resources are called "**accessibility supports**" or "**accessibility features**"

Are there levels of support?

There are three levels of support: **Universal Tools, Designated Supports** and **Accommodations.**

Are there different types of supports?

There are two types of accessibility supports within each level: **embedded** and **non-embedded**

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Three Levels of Support

UNIVERSAL TOOLS

These tools are available to ALL students.

DESIGNATED SUPPORTS

These tools are available to any student, as decided by the support team (for example, teachers, parents, and students), and they support the students who are already using these tools regularly in their learning.

ACCOMMODATIONS

These are only for students who have needs documented in their IEP and/or 504 Plan. A verification process is required, and students must meet the criteria outlined in the accommodation guide. These must be verified in advance.

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