



Choosing the Right Tool for Testing Accommodations a decision-making guide



Co:Writer®



TEST MODE

Is Your Testing Accommodation Tool Really *Test-Ready*?

Co:Writer offers a Test Mode menu that automatically configures settings to comply with the requirements of each assessment.

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		Word Processor & Speech-to-Text

SETUP

How will you manage setup? Is it up to you to ensure that each educator researches and sets up the features in the right way? Is setup centralized or computer-by-computer?

Co:Writer can be set to “Test Mode” for specific students from any location. Select your assessment from the dropdown menu and Co:Writer automatically adjusts over 35 features to comply with testing accommodation requirements from “grammar” prediction, auto-capitalization, speech recognition, to predict ahead. It can even turn off word prediction entirely (and allow access to the other features) based on what the assessment requires.

TEST SETTINGS

Does your tool have options to turn off the features disallowed on your state assessment? Surprisingly, some tools claim to be test-ready, but the settings cannot be adjusted for compliance.

Every feature disallowed in your state assessment is adjusted for compliance.
Every year, we go through each test’s accommodation requirements to make sure we comply with any changes.

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STUDENT SETTINGS

Does your tool retain your students' settings when in test mode?

Co:Writer retains all student settings (colors, text size, fonts, number of guesses, text-to-speech voice, rate, pitch, etc.) and only restricts features disallowed on the chosen assessment.

INSTALLATION

Does your tool require a separate installation?

Co:Writer Test Mode is built into the same tool your students use throughout the year. No additional installation is required.

TEST SECURITY

Does your tool stream text-to-speech or save text to the cloud? Does it allow text to be exported? Doing so may compromise test security.

Co:Writer in Test Mode does not send any text outside of the secure writing environment—eliminating the risk of compromising security.

PROOF OF ACCOMMODATION USE

Does your state require proof that the tool has been used in instruction prior to the assessment? Many specify 30 days up to a year.

Co:Writer data shows when the tool was issued to each student and usage data to prove it was used for the required time period leading up to the assessment.

LIST OF ASSESSMENTS CO:WRITER HAS A TEST MODE FOR (AS OF 03.08.19)

ACT	Louisiana End-of-Course Test	PARCC: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
ACT Aspire	M-STEP: Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress	PEAKS: Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools
ACT QualityCore	MAP (MO): Missouri Assessment Program	PSAT: Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
ACT WorkKeys	MAP (MS): Mississippi Assessment Program	PSSA: Pennsylvania System of School Assessment
ACT-Prediction: Word predication only with Grammar Off	MCA: Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments	Regents Exams: New York
AzMERRIT: Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching	MCAS: Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	SAGE: Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence
FSA: Florida Standards Assessment	MEA: Maine Educational Assessment	SAT: Scholastic Assessment Test
Georgia Milestones	Missouri End-of-Course Test	SBAC: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium
I AM: Indiana's Alternate Measure	Nevada End-of-Course Test	SCReady: South Carolina College and Career Ready Assessments
IAR: Illinois Assessment of Readiness	New York State Assessments	SOL: Standards of Learning
ILEARN: Indiana's Learning Evaluation Assessment Readiness Network	NH SAS: New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System	SCECT: South Carolina End-of-Course Test
Iowa Assessments	North Carolina End-of-Grade Test	STAAR-Spelling: Word Prediction, STT, Spell Check, and TTS
IREAD: Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination	NSCAS: Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System	STAAR-Transcribe: Word Processor & Speech-to-Text
ISAT: Idaho Standards Achievement Test	Ohio End-of-Course Test	TCAP: Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program
ISTEP - Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress	OSAS: Oregon's Statewide Assessment System	Wisconsin Forward
K-PREP: Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress	OST: Ohio's State Tests	WY-TOPP
KAP: Kansas Assessment Program	OSTP: Oklahoma School Testing Program	
Keystone Exams: Pennsylvania	PACE: Performance Assessment of Competency Education	
LEAP: Louisiana Educational Assessment Program		