



## Unique Accommodation: Guidance on Accommodation for a Calculation Device on Non-calculator Sections for the CMAS Mathematics Assessment

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The Math Calculation Device on Non-Calculator Sections accommodation may be available to a limited number of students with a disability which significantly limits or prevents the student from **performing basic calculations**. At the discretion of the educational team, students may have this accommodation on their IEP or 504 plan for instructional purposes. Only a very limited number of students who meet specific guidance criteria may use the accommodation on the CMAS Mathematics assessment and receive a valid score.

The use of a math calculation device on the non-calculator sections of the math test is intended to provide basic access to the math test. It is not intended for use by students who can complete basic computations but are below grade level in their general math knowledge.

Follow the instructions in the CMAS Calculator on Non-Calculator request form.

- Complete all of the information on the Unique Accommodation Request (UAR) form.
  - Identify the most recent date of the student’s IEP or 504 plan. The plan date must be within one year of the submission date. “Expected implementation” of an IEP or 504 will not be reviewed.
  - There should be a direct connection between the student’s disability and the accommodation requested.
  - Starting with Criterion 2, the selected answer indicates either “stop here” or “complete the supporting data.” If at any time the selected response indicates “**stop here**” the team should stop the checklist. This is an indication that the student does not meet the requirements to receive a valid score when using the requested accommodation.
  - All supporting evidence, documentation, and diagnostic assessments submitted must be completed within the current school year.
  
- Submission data to attach with the UAR form includes:
  - Types of assessments
    - Diagnostic assessment
    - Benchmark assessment
    - Progress monitoring assessments
  - Criteria or data to include
    - Must include number sense and basic calculation skills
    - Must be completed within the current school year
  - Assessment must be commercially-produced and research based.



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**Do not submit the student's IEP or 504 plan. Any IEP or 504 plan submitted will not be reviewed and will be discarded.**

If all criteria are met, the attached Unique Accommodation Request (UAR) form needs to be completed with **supporting data from the current school year** and submitted to CDE for approval. **A UAR submitted without complete information will not be approved.**

**The state deadline for UAR submission to CDE is December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Districts may implement earlier deadlines for their staff.

If the request is approved, the student may receive a valid score on the assessment when using this accommodation.

If the accommodation is not approved and the educational team uses the accommodation during the CMAS math assessment, the district may be instructed to mark the assessment as using a non-approved accommodation. This will result in the score being invalidated or suppressed and the student being considered a "non-participant" for the math portion of the assessment.

**Note:** A number line is **not** an allowable tool/device and cannot be used on the math assessment.