Accommodations for English Language Learners (ELLs)

All ELLs participate in statewide assessments. Students who are identified as ELLs (LY and LF) must be offered the following allowable accommodations.

A. Flexible Setting

- ELLs may be tested in a separate room.
- Parents/guardians must be informed of this option and be allowed to select the preferred method of test administration.

B. Flexible Scheduling

- ELLs may take a test session during several brief periods.
- ELLs may be provided additional time.
- Test sessions must be completed within one school day.

C. Assistance in Heritage Language

- The heritage language teacher may answer questions about the general test directions in the student's heritage language.
 - If the test is administered to a group of students, the teacher may answer questions about <u>directions</u> for the benefit of the group.
 - Questions of clarification from individual students must be answered on an individual basis without disturbing other students.
- A heritage language teacher MAY provide ELLs limited assistance for directions, prompts, items, and answer choices.
- The heritage language teacher may answer specific questions about a word or phrase in a prompt, math items, or answer choice but <u>is prohibited from assisting the student in</u> <u>producing, correct, or edit responses.</u>
- Heritage language teachers may not read or translate the Prompt, Reading Passages, Writing Passages, Answer Choices, or the Math Problems.

D. Approved Dictionary and Glossary

- ELLs should have access to an English-to-heritage language translation and/or heritage language to-English translation dictionary or glossary or both.
- The dictionary or glossary must provide word-to-word and may not contain definitions or other information.
- Dictionaries MUST be available during regular instruction.