

Maine Educational Assessments (MEA)

Universal Tools and Accommodations

Spring 2016

The following tables list the universal tools and accommodations currently available for MEA online testing for the Spring 2016 test administrations:

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For more information, see the *MEA Portal User Guide*, which is available on the MEA Help & Support page:



<http://maine.onlinehelp.measuredprogress.org>

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Universal Tools





Universal tools that are available to all students for online testing.

Name	Tool Icon	Description
Guideline		The student uses an onscreen tool to assist in reading by raising and lowering the tool for each line of text onscreen.
Answer Masking (Multiple-choice items only)	 (A)  (B) between 4 and 6  (C) between 7 and 10  (D) between 11 and 14	The student “hides” possible answer choices (for multiple choice items only).

<p>Sketch & Highlight</p>		<p>The sketch pad provides the following functionalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketch or draw using black, red or blue brushes • Highlight using a semi-transparent yellow highlighter brush <p>Erase drawings and highlighting using the eraser brush.</p>
<p>Notepad</p>		<p>A notepad is provided for students to write different notes for different items, meaning it uniquely persists per item. The notepad is resizable, draggable, and displays a timestamp for when the student last edited content.</p>

Item Specific Tools



Item Specific Tools are available to all students for specific items.




Name	Content Area	Tool Icon
Basic Calculator	Grade 3-6 Mathematics	
Scientific Calculator	Grades 7-8 Mathematics	
Ruler	Mathematics	
Protractor	Mathematics	

Accommodations

Accommodations are available only to those students who have an ordered accommodation. Accommodations will be available to students testing using the MEA kiosk. Students are able to view these accommodations on the 'Options' page upon logging in to the kiosk to take a test.

Important: Test Coordinators must order the **Text-to-Speech Mathematics**, **Text-to-Speech ELA**, **Color Contrast**, and **Turn Off All Universal Tools** accommodations within the MEA Portal. **Screen Zoom**, **Reverse Contrast**, and **Custom Masking** will be enabled for all students. For more information, see the [MEA Portal User Guide](#).

Name	Assessment/Content Area	Tool Icon	Description
Text-to-Speech Mathematics	Mathematics		Students can play, pause, or stop audio.
Text-to-Speech ELA	English Language Arts		
Screen Zoom**	All Content Areas		Students can magnify the entire screen up to 150 percent. This is a full vector zoom of the entire screen.

Name	Assessment/Content Area	Tool Icon	Description
Color Contrast	All Content Areas		Students have the ability to choose a text and background color from a set of 12 predefined color combinations.
Reverse Contrast*	All Content Areas		Inverts all color values in the user interface.
Custom Masking*	All Content Areas		Provides the ability to mask certain parts of the test interface or question.
Turn Off All Universal Tools	All Content Areas	No icon for Turn off all universal tools accommodation.	Selecting this accommodation will turn off the sketch and highlight tool, the guideline tool, and the answer masking tool.

* Denotes an accommodation that will be automatically enabled for all students.

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