

## **Connecticut’s Accommodations for Students Identified as Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind for the 2015 Smarter Balanced Assessments**

The Human Signer accommodation may be provided to students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan identifying them as Deaf, Hearing Impaired or Deaf-Blind. For the 2015 administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessments, Connecticut defines the Human Signer Accommodation as text provided to the student identified as Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind, in the communication mode the student uses regularly, and may include one or more of the following: American Sign Language (ASL), Signed Exact English (SEE), Speech reader (lip reading) or Cued Speech. The Human Signer Passages Accommodation is defined as English Language Arts (ELA) reading passages text provided to the student in Grades 6 or above identified as Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf-Blind, **and** Print Disabled in the communication mode the student uses regularly, and may include one or more of the following: American Sign Language (ASL), Signed Exact English (SEE), Speech reader (lip reading) or Cued Speech.

The individual providing the Human Signer or the Human Signer Passages Accommodation should be familiar to the student, typically providing the communication mode support used by the student in instruction, including one or more of the following: American Sign Language, Signed Exact English, Speech reader (lip reading) or Cued Speech. This individual must be employed by the district, and trained and qualified by the district to perform in this role. CSDE will be responsible for managing and documenting this process on a student-by-student basis

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grade(s)</b>	<b>Additional Accommodation Via Special Accommodation Petition</b>
<b>Math</b> Computer Adaptive Test and Performance Tasks	3-8 & 11	Human Signer Accommodation
<b>ELA</b> Listening	3-8 & 11	Human Signer Accommodation
<b>ELA</b> Reading	3-8 & 11	Human Signer Accommodation
<b>ELA</b> Writing Research and Performance Task	3-8 & 11	Human Signer Accommodation
<b>ELA</b> Reading Passages	6-8 & 11	Human Signer Passages Accommodation