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RHODE ISLAND'S EXTENDED TIME POLICY FOR NECAP SCIENCE TESTING

Feedback from the field suggests that some LEAs and schools are unfamiliar with Rhode Island's long-standing, state-specific policy on the extended time (T1) accommodation for the NECAP Science assessment. This policy, which has been in effect since the first administration of the test, establishes that **all Rhode Island students** are eligible for extended time (up to a full school day), irrespective of whether they have an IEP or 504 Plan or are identified as an English Learner *and* irrespective of whether or not students were identified for extended time *prior* to testing.

As a reminder, the official **NECAP consortium** extended time policy, which requires students to be identified *prior* to the start of testing in order to have extended time, remains the same as it always has been. Rhode Island's state-specific policy simply provides additional flexibility for schools to allow students who were not pre-identified to take advantage of the extended time accommodation available to all students.

Here is an overview of Rhode Island's extended time policy for NECAP Science:

1. The Rhode Island extended time policy is specifically designed for students who were not identified prior to the start of NECAP Science testing.
2. As always, RIDE strongly recommends that all students who require extended time be identified ***before*** testing begins and that this decision should be made by a team of educators familiar with the student including the student (as appropriate) and his/her parents/guardians. However, for those students who were *not* identified in advance for the T1 extended time accommodation,
 - ✓ the school **must** have a pre-determined designated area in which to take the student(s) to complete the session of testing;
 - ✓ a trained test administrator (TA) or authorized school employee **must** take the test materials and escort the student(s) to the designated testing area;
 - ✓ a trained TA **must** remain in the designated testing area to oversee the administration of the remainder of the session;
 - ✓ the amount of extended time must **not** be unreasonable (e.g. students should only be allowed to continue to test as long as they are working productively) and must **not** continue beyond the regular school day;
 - ✓ the TA **must** bubble in the T1 accommodation (and any other accommodation used during testing) on page 2 of the student's NECAP Science answer document.
3. Students who were *not* pre-identified but who nonetheless still require additional time to complete an active test session may be provided **up to the remainder of the school day** to complete this test session. Once the end of the school day is reached, students must stop testing. No additional time will be allowed.

As a reminder, **this policy only applies to the NECAP Science assessment**. For information on the extended time accommodation for PARCC testing, please refer to guidance document posted [online](#).

For additional guidance on Rhode Island's extended time policy for NECAP Science testing or if you have any questions about the extended time accommodation in general, please contact Dr. Kevon Tucker-Seeley (401-222-8494; Kevon.Tucker-Seeley@ride.ri.gov).