



What accessibility features are available in *i-Ready* Assessment, and how can they be enabled?

Overview

i-Ready Diagnostic (including the *i-Ready Diagnostic* for Mathematics in Spanish), *i-Ready Growth Monitoring*, *i-Ready Standards Mastery*, and *i-Ready Assessment of Spanish Reading* offer accessibility features that are available to students based on student preference. Because these features are available to students—regardless of disability, IEP, 504, or EL plan—any student who uses *i-Ready* can make the choice as to whether or not they will use the available accessibility features. If you are looking for accommodations information related to *i-Ready Literacy Tasks*, please reference [this guidance document](#).

What kind of supports and accommodations are available to students?

An **accessibility feature** can be enabled by an educator for students based on student preference. Because these features are available to all students, regardless of their disability status, English proficiency level, or any other type of documented need. Any student who uses *i-Ready* can make the choice as to whether or not they will use an available feature.

A **designated support** may be enabled for students where the need has been indicated by an educator (or team, including the parents/guardians and the student, if appropriate) who is familiar with the student’s characteristics and needs.

An **accommodation** is a change to procedure or process to increase equitable access to *i-Ready* for students with disabilities. Accommodations are only for students who have a documented need, as expressed in an IEP, 504, or EL plan, for use of a given accommodation. In the case of *i-Ready Assessment*, accommodations allow students with disabilities to demonstrate their knowledge and receive a valid assessment score.

ACCESSIBILITY

What accessibility features are available in *i-Ready Assessment*?

Accessibility Feature	<i>i-Ready Diagnostic</i>	<i>i-Ready Growth Monitoring</i>	<i>i-Ready Standards Mastery</i>	<i>i-Ready Assessment of Spanish Reading</i>
Audio Descriptions	✓*	N/A	Not Available	N/A
Audio Support	See details on p. 2.	See details on p. 2.	Not Available	See details on p. 2.
Closed Captioning	✓**	✓**	✓††	N/A
Color Contrast	✓†	✓	✓†	✓†
Keyboard Navigation	✓†	✓	✓†	✓†

*Audio descriptions: Students can enable audio descriptions of what is happening visually in the Diagnostic Introductory Videos for Grades 3–5 by selecting the AD button. Audio descriptions will be added to more videos on an ongoing basis.

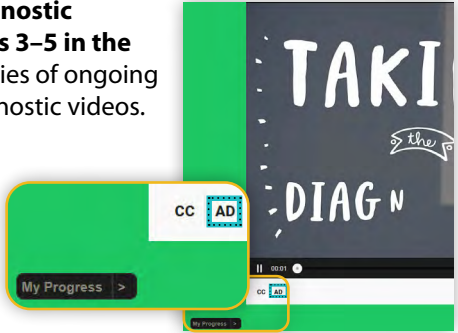
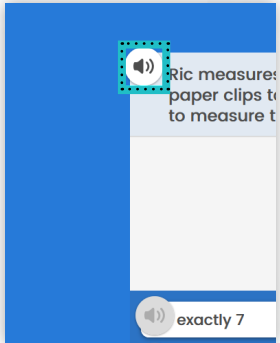
**Closed captioning is available on all interactive and non-interactive Diagnostic tutorials for Grades K–2, Diagnostic Introductory Videos for Grades 3+, and all Diagnostic and Growth Monitoring videos embedded in passages. Please refer to Appendix 4 in [i-Ready Diagnostic and Growth Monitoring Universal Accessibility Features and Accommodations](#) to learn about coverage details and relevant closed-captioning exceptions.

†For more information about accessibility features, including relevant exceptions and detailed guidance for educators who are working with students who need to use these features, please reference [i-Ready Diagnostic and Growth Monitoring Universal Accessibility Features and Accommodations](#), [i-Ready Standards Mastery Universal Accessibility Features and Accommodations](#), or [i-Ready Assessment of Spanish Reading Universal Accessibility Features and Accommodations](#).

††Standards Mastery for Reading includes a small number of items containing videos, which have closed captioning.

How can accessibility features in *i-Ready Assessment* be enabled?

Educators do not need to turn any accessibility features on or off in *i-Ready* as these features are available for immediate use.

Feature	Available In	How Do Students Access It?
<p>Audio Descriptions: Visual elements of video content are described to students who may need context if they are unable to access what's on screen.</p>	<p>Diagnostic</p>	<p>Audio descriptions are available in Diagnostic Introductory Videos available for Grades 3–5 in the <i>i-Ready Diagnostic</i>. This is the first in a series of ongoing releases to add audio descriptions to Diagnostic videos.</p> 
<p>Audio Support: Provides the ability to click on an audio button (shown automatically) to hear the text of a question and/or answer read aloud</p>	<p>Diagnostic* Growth Monitoring Assessment of Spanish Reading</p>	<p>This support does not need to be turned on in the system. It also does NOT require additional equipment or software. This feature includes both automatically read-aloud audio and on-demand read-aloud support that is activated by pressing an audio button. In the Diagnostic and in Growth Monitoring, audio playback can be interrupted by pressing the escape key.</p> <p>The Diagnostic and Growth Monitoring include universal audio support in the following grades/domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics: Grades K–5 items • Phonics: Grades K–3 items • High-Frequency Words: Grades K–2 items • Vocabulary: Grades K–2 items • Phonological Awareness: Grades K–1 items • Reading Comprehension: Grade K items <p>Audio support is available for the Diagnostic for Mathematics Grades 6+ items. As of July 2024, audio support will be available for Diagnostic for Reading items where universal audio support is not available.** This feature overview for audio support explains how educators can enable this feature for students.</p> <p>The Assessment of Spanish Reading includes universal audio support in the following grades/domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonics: Grades K–3 items • Vocabulary: Grades K–1 items • Phonological Awareness: Grades K–1 items • Comprehension: Grade K items 

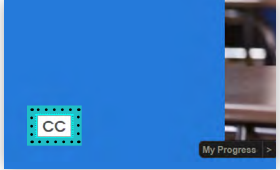
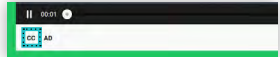
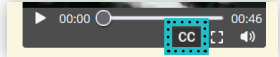

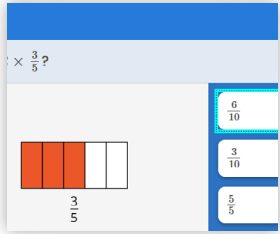
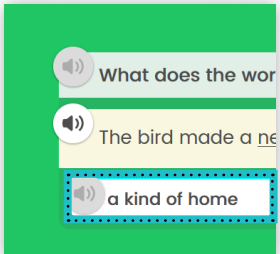
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**Only educators and administrators can enable this feature. For more information, please see the related FAQ on [page 4](#).

How can accessibility features in *i-Ready Assessment* be enabled? (Cont'd.)

Educators do not need to turn any accessibility features on or off in *i-Ready* as these features are available for immediate use.

Feature	Available In	How Do Students Access It?	
<p>Closed Captioning: Provides the ability to display text on a television or computer screen that aligns to the audio</p>	<p>Diagnostic Growth Monitoring Standards Mastery</p>	<p>Closed captioning is available for all Diagnostic tutorials for Grades K–2 (Figure A) and for all Diagnostic Introductory Videos in Grades 3+ (Figure B) when played through the student-facing Diagnostic assessment screen.</p> <p>To access, click the CC button in the left-hand corner of the screen.</p> <p>Closed captioning is available in all videos embedded in Diagnostic and Growth Monitoring passages (Figure C):</p> <p>To access, click the CC button in the right-hand corner of the screen.</p> <p>Standards Mastery for Reading includes a small number of items containing videos, which have closed captioning. (Figure D)</p> <p>To access, click the CC button in the right-hand corner of the screen, then select “Captions” from the menu that appears.</p>	 <p>Figure A</p>  <p>Figure B</p>  <p>Figure C</p>  <p>Figure D</p>
<p>Color Contrast: Refers to the measure of the difference in perceived brightness between two colors. The goal is to ensure the ratio meets standards to address the loss of contrast users experience if they have low visual acuity or color deficiencies.</p>	<p>Diagnostic* Growth Monitoring Standards Mastery* Assessment of Spanish Reading*</p>	<p>This support does not need to be enabled as these features are built directly into <i>i-Ready Assessment</i>. The supports include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting the WCAG 2.0 AA requirements for color contrast for text against a background and WCAG 2.1 requirements in some places for non-text elements against a background • Minimizing the use of colors that would cause problems for students with color blindness, particularly red–green color blindness • Presenting items in a large, easily legible format specifically chosen for its readability 	
<p>Keyboard Navigation: Provides the ability to navigate and interact with questions and answers by using the keyboard instead of a mouse</p>	<p>Diagnostic* Growth Monitoring Standards Mastery* Assessment of Spanish Reading*</p>	<p>Tab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows students to “turn on” keyboard navigation • Allows students to go to the next interactive element (e.g., button or link). When using keyboard navigation, a focus indicator appears around each element as the user tabs through the page. The focus indicator is blue with a dark dotted line. <p>Shift + Tab: Allows students to go back to the prior interactive element (e.g., button or link)</p> <p>Enter or Space: Allows the student to select and/or open the interactive element (e.g., button or link)</p>	

Are *i-Ready* assessments compatible with third-party text-to-speech tools?

Although some third-party browser extensions may be able to read aloud some portions of the text in the Diagnostic, Assessment of Spanish Reading, and Standards Mastery, the use of these extensions is not recommended at this time, as compatibility and usability show a high degree of variance based on the item type, extension, browser, hardware, etc. In the Diagnostic for Reading, educators can enable editorially vetted audio support as either a designated support or an accommodation where universal audio is not available. In *i-Ready Standards Mastery*, we are actively exploring an embedded solution for text-to-speech.

Are *i-Ready* assessments compatible with screen readers and/or refreshable braille displays?

The Diagnostic has been tested with JAWS®, NVDA, and VoiceOver with specific browser combinations. Curriculum Associates is currently testing the validity and usability with refreshable braille displays. Each of the screen readers that have been tested can also be used with some refreshable braille displays. Educators should refer to documentation on the student's screen reader and refreshable braille display before determining if the accommodation is appropriate for the student. Further usability updates to our products will be informed by our partnership with Perkins Access, other accessibility and Universal Design for Learning advisors, and our internal Usability Testing team. Screen-reader testing with other *i-Ready* assessments is ongoing.

Do *i-Ready* assessments have paper options or print functionality?

The Diagnostic is a computer-adaptive assessment. As a student answers questions correctly or incorrectly, the Diagnostic responds, adjusting the difficulty of future questions to match the student's individual ability. The strength of this assessment is its ability to continuously adapt, therefore, a paper version does not exist. Similarly, due to the interactive nature of the Assessment of Spanish Reading and Standards Mastery item types, paper versions are not available.

What supports can teachers provide for tactile graphics during the Diagnostic?

i-Ready Diagnostic includes user-interface elements and test item images, including some complex graphics, that have been enhanced with alt text. There are some instances when a student may request or require a tactile graphic to access a test item enhanced by alt text. Because the *i-Ready Diagnostic* is a computer-adaptive assessment, notification about the need for a tactile graphic cannot be provided to teachers before the assessment is administered. We are actively engaged with the American Printing House for the Blind to improve our delivery of tactile graphics to support students who are blind or have low vision. [This guidance brief](#) provides educators with information about how to create tactile graphics on demand.

Where can I find accessibility and accommodations guidance for *i-Ready Literacy Tasks*?

Information related to *i-Ready Literacy Tasks* can be found in [this guidance document](#).

Why is audio support in the Diagnostic for Reading available as a designated support or an accommodation? How can it be enabled?

Due to differences in state and local policies related to audio support, we offer read-aloud support nationally as both a designated support and an accommodation. Reports will indicate whether a student was provided read-aloud support, but *i-Ready* will not track or indicate if it was provided as a designated support or an accommodation. Additionally, difference in state and local policies determine whether read-aloud support can be provided for reading passages. If a state's policy allows for audio support of reading passages, it will be available as such in the *i-Ready* platform. For more details, please reference [this guidance document](#).

Educators with permissions to edit Diagnostic settings will be able to turn on this setting on a class, Report Group, or student level.