

DRC INSIGHT Permissive Mode for SC READY and EOCEP

As of October 2025, Permissive Mode no longer requires Office of Assessment and Standards approval and may be accessed by districts independently. This document provides guidance on the implementation of this technology prior to the release of the Spring 2025-2026 Test Administration Manual (TAM).

Permissive Mode

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) INSIGHT’s Permissive Mode browser is customized to work with third-party assistive technologies and allows Test Administrators to enable the applicable accommodations to approved students from the DRC INSIGHT Portal. Only students with specific accommodations can access the Permissive Mode secure browser. Districts will find the implementation and specifications for Permissive Mode in the most recently published Tech Bulletin provided by DRC (TECH BULLETIN: DRC INSIGHT Permissive Mode, revised July 30, 2025).

Permissive Mode is currently configured for the following accommodations:

- Speech Recognition (Speech-to-Text)
- Eye/Head Tracking

Considerations for Permissive Mode

- To ensure success on the SC READY and EOCEP assessments, students receiving accommodations must be proficient in the approved testing software. This software should be integrated into daily instruction and practiced throughout the entire school year. A list of approved software can be found within the TECH BULLETIN: DRC INSIGHT Permissive Mode published July 30, 2025.
- Any access to other websites or apps that are used as resource tools such as predictive text, spell check or apps such as Grammarly, MUST be disabled BEFORE launching the Permissive browser.
- Follow the guidance in the Technical Bulletin to install and configure the Permissive Mode browser on the student’s testing device. Then proceed with the steps below for test administration.
 - Print the student’s online testing roster and student test ticket(s) from the Portal. Upon printing the test ticket, confirm that Permissive Mode is indicated
 - Launch the third-party speech recognition or eye tracking software. The third-party software must be launched BEFORE launching the Permissive Mode browser. Following this, launch the Permissive Mode browser and login in using the student’s test ticket. If any error messages display upon launch, please contact DRC Customer Service for further guidance.

Speech Recognition (Speech-to-Text)

Document this accommodation as “Dictation of Response” in the accommodations section of the student’s Individualized Education Plan (IEP). In addition, document any implementation specifications for this accommodation within the student’s IEP.

When providing this accommodation:

- Individual Administration is required
- A Monitor must be present during the entire administration
- The Test Administrator (TA) and Monitor must sign the *Security Affidavit Form for Alternative Response Options* and return the form to the School Testing Coordinator (STC).

Eye/Head Tracking

Document this accommodation as “Non-verbal Indication of Response” in the accommodations section of the student’s IEP. In addition, document any implementation specifications of this accommodation within the student’s IEP.

When providing this accommodation:

- Individual Administration is required
- A Monitor must be present during the entire administration, or a video recording must be made of the entire administration. (Any equipment used for video recording must be school- or district-owned.)
 - The video recording (if applicable) must be saved to a USB device or a DVD; labeled with the following demographic information: district name, school name, student name, student state ID, birth date, gender, and answer document security number (for paper testers); and returned in a zipper storage bag with the nonscorable materials.
 - The TA and monitor must sign the *Security Affidavit Form for Alternative Response Options* and return the form to the STC. If applicable, the TA and STC must ensure that all electronic files of the administration are cleared from the recording equipment.