

Discussion

*Meeting the Needs of Individual Students
with a Universal Assessment System*

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Important!

- **States continue to struggle with the concept of universal design and what it means for their assessments.**
- **There are several avenues to addressing universal design in assessments, but integrating accommodation tools into the design of the assessment is very promising.**

Elements of Universal Design Addressed in the Development Process for Regular Assessments (NCEO's State Survey, 2008)

Universal Design Element	Regular States (2005)	Regular States (2007)	Unique States (2007)
RFP for test development	27	39	1
Test conceptualization and construction	N/A	38	1
Expert review	30	27	1
Think-aloud methods as part of field test	N/A	2	0
Statistical analysis	9	10	1
In cooperation with test contractors during final review	N/A	30	2
The elements of Universal Design are not addressed in our test development process	4	1	0
Other	4	8	1

Other Universal Design Approaches

- Training test developers in the elements of universal design
- Consideration of how items may be adapted.