

FAQs for Spring 2025 AASA Braille Special Paper Version (SPV)

What is the difference between uncontracted and contracted braille?

Uncontracted braille is a letter for letter transcription of print. Contracted braille uses contractions for common words and letter combinations.

How do I know which braille SPV test the student needs?

The student's IEP should specify whether they read uncontracted or contracted braille. Reach out to the student's IEP team if it is unclear which braille test is needed for the student.

If requested, when will I receive the uncontracted braille AASA Reading test?

AASA **uncontracted** braille test kits will include contracted Writing, uncontracted Reading, and contracted Math. Writing and math test materials will be delivered prior to March 31, the start of the AASA test window. **Due to the time required for the additional production process for Spring 2025, uncontracted braille AASA Reading tests will be delivered on or before April 4. Please note that this date is after the AASA test window has begun.**

When do I need to submit a SPV Request for uncontracted braille AASA Reading?

If a braille SPV request has already been submitted and approved for Spring 2025, an additional request is not needed. Please respond to the email you received from AASA@azed.gov with the student's SSID and the preferred braille format for AASA Reading units.

If you have not yet submitted a [Braille SPV Request](#) for Spring 2025 but will be submitting a request, please do so by the published deadline of February 21, 2025; however, providing estimated counts to us now will help ensure that the appropriate AASA braille tests are available for your student(s). Please send your estimated counts of Spring 2025 braille tests, including the number of students who will take the uncontracted Reading test option and their SSIDs, to AASA@azed.gov by **January 27, 2025**. ADE will place all additional orders for braille test kits during the AASA additional order window.

What if I have not yet submitted a braille SPV request for Spring 2025?

You may submit your braille SPV request by completing the [Achievement SPV Request Form](#) as soon as possible and no later than **February 21, 2025**.

What if the student does not need the uncontracted braille AASA Reading test?

Please reply to the email you received from AASA@azed.gov with the student's SSID and indicate whether the contracted or uncontracted braille test for AASA Reading is needed.