

Unified Minimum System Requirements for the Administration of Online Assessments

The following specifications apply to all Texas student assessment program online assessments administered in the 2017-2018 school year.

Common Specifications for the Administration of All Online Testing (STAAR, STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, TAKS)	
Devices	Desktops: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux Laptops: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux Chromebooks Tablets: iPad - 3 rd Generation and higher, Android tablets, Windows tablets except for Windows RT
Operating Systems	Windows: 7, 8.1, 10 Chrome OS: (Release Channel only, current or near-current release) Mac OSX: 10.9 10.10 10.11 (10.12 [Sierra] has known issues and is not supported at this time) iOS: 9.3.2 through 9.3.5 Android: 5 or 6 Fedora: 24 Ubuntu: 16.04
Processors	Windows: Intel x86 (32 or 64 bit) Chrome OS: Any Mac OSX: Intel based models iOS: Any Android: Any Fedora: Intel Architecture - 64 bit only Ubuntu: Intel Architecture - 64 bit only
Memory (RAM)	Windows: 1 GB (32 bit); 2 GB (64 bit) Chrome OS: 2 GB minimum (4 GB recommended) Mac OSX: 2 GB iOS: 1 GB Linux: 1 GB Android: 2 GB
Minimum Screen Size	9.5 inches for all devices
Minimum Screen Resolution	1024 x 768 for all devices
Keyboard	Physical keyboard required for all devices including tablets and devices with touch screens. Wired keyboard and mouse are strongly recommended.
Headphones	Headphones or earbuds recommended for assessments with audio content.
For TELPAS Listening & Speaking Pilot Only	Headsets that are uni-directional with noise-canceling microphones are strongly recommended. Chromebooks are currently not supported.

Complying with these requirements will ensure support for all online tests offered by both vendors. More detailed technical specifications are available from each vendor. For information on minimum system requirements for a specific test, refer to the following documents.

STAAR:

STAAR Online Testing Platform Technology Guide:

http://texasassessment.com/s/texasassessment/pdf/TX_STAAR_Online_Testing_Platform_Technology_Guide.pdf

STAAR Online Testing Platform Local Caching Software (LCS) District Guide:

http://texasassessment.com/s/texasassessment/pdf/TX-Local_Caching_Software_District_Guide.pdf

STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, and TAKS:

Pearson Access Next:

<https://support.assessment.pearson.com/x/NYDy>

TestNav 8:

<https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/TN/TestNav+System+Requirements>

ProctorCache:

<https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/TN/ProctorCache+System+Requirements>

Further assistance is also available at:

ETS: Texas Assessment Support Center 855-333-7770 or STAAREOC@ets.org and STAAR3-8@ets.org

Pearson: Customer Service Center at 800-627-0225 or TXPearsonAccess@support.pearson.com