

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 2019-2020 school year.

Common Specifications for the Administration of All Online Testing (STAAR, STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, TELPAS Alternate)	
Devices	Desktops: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux Laptops: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux Chromebooks Tablets: iPad – 5 th and 6 th Generation, Windows tablets except Windows RT
Operating Systems	Windows: 7*, 8.1, 10 (Windows 10 S is not supported at this time) Chrome OS: (Release Channel only, current or near-current release) Mac OSX: 10.13, 10.14 iOS: 12 Linux Ubuntu: 16.04
Processors	Windows: Intel x86 (32 or 64 bit) Chrome OS: Any Mac OSX: Intel-based models iOS: Any Ubuntu: Intel Architecture - 64 bit only
Memory (RAM)	Windows: 2 GB (4 GB recommended) Chrome OS: 2 GB minimum (4 GB recommended) Mac OSX: 2 GB (4 GB recommended) iOS: 1 GB (2 GB recommended) Linux: 1 GB (2 GB recommended)
Minimum Screen Size	9.5 inches for all devices
Minimum Screen Resolution	1024 x 768 for all devices NOTE: Most displays require no scaling. Windows sets display scale to 100%. On devices with higher-resolution displays (e.g. Surface devices and 4K monitors), disable high DPI scaling: Right-click the STAAR Online Testing Platform shortcut, then check “Disable display scaling on high DPI settings” in <i>Properties > Compatibility</i> .
Keyboard	Physical keyboard required for assessments with essays. Wired keyboard and mouse are strongly recommended.
Headphones	Headphones or earbuds recommended for assessments with audio content.

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For TELPAS Listening & Speaking Only	<p>Desktop and Laptop Headphones and Microphones</p> <p>Head-mounted USB headset with microphone and headphones must be compatible with the requirements below:</p> <p>Headphone Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound mode: Stereo Earpiece: Double Driver Unit Size: 32 mm Frequency Response: 20 – 20000 Hz Impedance: 32 ohms <p>Microphone Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency Response: 100 – 12000 Hz Impedance: 3320 ohms <p>Handheld Device Headphones and Microphones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.5mm single jack Over-the-ear style (non-earbud)

* Microsoft has announced that extended support (including security updates) for Windows 7 is [scheduled to end January 14, 2020](https://portal.msrc.microsoft.com/en-US/security-guidance/advisory/CVE-2019-0708/). Mainstream support ended in 2015. To continue using Windows 7 safely, districts must apply Windows 7 patches to mitigate threats from the vulnerabilities described in [CVE-2019-0708](https://portal.msrc.microsoft.com/en-US/security-guidance/advisory/CVE-2019-0708/). A description of the threat and the update files to download and install are available online at <https://portal.msrc.microsoft.com/en-US/security-guidance/advisory/CVE-2019-0708/>.

Complying with these requirements ensures support for all online tests offered by ETS and Pearson. 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://www.texasassessment.com/uploads/tx-staar-online-testing-platform-technology-guide.pdf>

STAAR Online Testing Platform Local Caching Software (LCS) District Guide: <http://www.texasassessment.com/uploads/tx-local-caching-software-district-guide.pdf>

STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, and TELPAS Alternate:

PearsonAccess 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 go to tx.pearsonaccessnext.com and select the Live Chat feature or Pearson Customer Support Form under "Contact Us."