

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 2020-2021 school year.

Common Specifications for the Administration of All Online Testing (STAAR, STAAR Alternate 2, TELPAS, TELPAS Alternate)	
Devices	<p><u>Desktops</u>: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux</p> <p><u>Laptops</u>: Windows, Chromebooks, Mac OS X, Linux</p> <p><u>Tablets</u>: iPad – 5th, 6th, and 7th Generation, Windows tablets except Windows RT</p>
Operating Systems	<p><u>Windows</u>: 10, versions 1803, 1809, 1903, 1909 (Windows 10 S is not supported at this time)</p> <p><u>Chrome OS*</u>: (Release Channel only, current or near-current release)</p> <p><u>Mac OSX</u>: 10.13, 10.14, 10.15</p> <p><u>iOS</u>: 12, 13</p> <p><u>Linux Ubuntu</u>: 18.04</p>
Processors	<p><u>Windows</u>: Intel x86 (32 or 64 bit)</p> <p><u>Chrome OS</u>: Any</p> <p><u>Mac OSX</u>: Intel-based models</p> <p><u>iOS</u>: Any</p> <p><u>Linux Ubuntu</u>: Intel Architecture - 64 bit only</p>
Memory (RAM)	<p><u>Windows</u>: 2 GB (4 GB recommended)</p> <p><u>Chrome OS</u>: 2 GB minimum (4 GB recommended)</p> <p><u>Mac OSX</u>: 2 GB (4 GB recommended)</p> <p><u>iOS</u>: 1 GB (2 GB recommended)</p> <p><u>Linux Ubuntu</u>: 1 GB (2 GB recommended)</p>
Minimum Screen Size	9.5 inches for all devices
Minimum Screen Resolution	<p>1024 x 768 for all devices</p> <p>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>.</p>
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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<p>Required only for TELPAS Listening & Speaking and STAAR Speech to Text</p>	<p>Desktop and Laptop Headphones and Microphones 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)
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* Google is 100% committed to NOT disabling Chrome apps until all standardized assessment providers are fully migrated onto an alternative solution and have had sufficient time to test their applications.

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:
<https://txassessmentdocs.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/TSOD/overview>

STAAR Online Testing Platform Local Caching Software (LCS) District Guide:
<https://txassessmentdocs.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/TSOD/overview>

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."