

### 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)	
Devices	Desktops: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux Laptops: Windows, Mac OS X, Linux Chromebooks Tablets: iPad – 4 <sup>th</sup> Generation and higher, Windows tablets except for 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: 10.9, 10.10, 10.11, 10.12 iOS: 10.2, 10.21 Fedora: 24 Ubuntu: 16.04
Processors	Windows: Intel x86 (32 or 64 bit) Chrome OS: Any Mac OSX: Intel based models iOS: Any Fedora: Intel Architecture - 64 bit only Ubuntu: Intel Architecture - 64 bit only
Memory (RAM)	Windows: 2 GB Chrome OS: 2 GB minimum (4 GB recommended) Mac OSX: 2 GB iOS: 1 GB Linux: 1 GB
Minimum Screen Size	9.5 inches for all devices
Minimum Screen Resolution	1024 x 768 for all devices
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/Laptop Headphones and Microphones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Head-mounted USB headset with microphone and headphones must be compatible with the requirements below:</li></ul> <p><b>Headphone Features</b></p> <p>Sound mode: Stereo Earpiece: Double Driver Unit Size: 32 mm Frequency Response: 20 – 20000 Hz Impedance: 32 ohms</p> <p><b>Microphone Features</b></p> <p>Frequency Response: 100 – 12000 Hz Impedance: 3320 ohms</p> <p>Handheld Device Headphones and Microphones:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 3.5mm single jack</li><li>2. Over-the-ear style (non-earbud)</li></ol>
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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://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 and TELPAS:**

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](mailto:STAAREOC@ets.org) and [STAAR3-8@ets.org](mailto:STAAR3-8@ets.org)

**Pearson:** Customer Service Center at 800-627-0225 or go to [tx.pearsonaccessnext.com](http://tx.pearsonaccessnext.com) and select Pearson Customer Support Form under "Contact Us."