

Technology Setup and Readiness January 2024







Agenda

- What's New
- Components of Online Testing
- Infrastructure Trial
- Setup: PearsonAccess^{next}
- Questions and Discussion
- Support





What's New?

New items for this testing season:

- App versions
- TestNav System requirements

Assessment Testing Windows:

- ELA/Math Paper Based Testing: 3/4/24 4/5/24
- ELA/Math Computer Based Testing: 3/4/24 4/19/24
- Science 3/4/24 4/30/24



New Apps – OS Updates

TestNav System Requirements





We have updated the TestNav system requirements for the upcoming 2023 – 2024 school year. Be sure to review the <u>latest requirements</u>. The TestNav application is downloaded from the Chrome Web Store or Apple Store for these devices.

Chrome OS version 114 and iPadOS 15.2 – 16.x are supported. Also note that TestNav is downloaded from the Chrome Web store or Apple Store for these devices.

Devices/OS	Supported Versions	
Tablets, Chromebool	ks, Chromeboxes	
Chrome OS	■ 114 - 118 Long-term support (LTS)* ■ 114+ LTS	
iPadOS	15.2 - 16.x	
Laptops, Desktops		
Linux	Fedora 37+ x64Ubuntu 22.10+ x64	
macOS	1 2, 13, 14	
Windows	■ 10 x64 - 21H2, 22H2 ■ 11 x64 - 21H2, 22H2	

TestNav can run in Kiosk mode, which prevents students from accessing any other web pages or applications while testing. Linux, MacOS, and Windows supported versions are all listed.

NOTE: Windows 10 must be 64bit, 21H2 through 22H2.



New Apps

Hardware Requirements

There have been **NO** changes to the hardware requirements for TestNav.

These requirements that you see on this page can also be found on the Support Page, linked on the previous slide.

Prior to high-stakes testing, customers should compare virtual environment performance to that of a non-virtual environment.

Requirement	Details
Processor	x64 - AMD, ARM, ARM64, or Intel-based™
Memory	4 GB RAM; <i>Minimum - 2 GB RAM</i> Linux and iOS - 2 GB RAM; <i>Minimum - 1 GB RAM</i>
Screen Size	9.5-in
Resolution	1024 x 768
Other	- External keyboard and mouse (or touchpad) for touchscreen devices Windows (required), Android iOS (recommended) Local File access to home directory OS X, macOS Windows Windows Wired keyboards (recommended) Convertible Chromebooks - no tablet mode



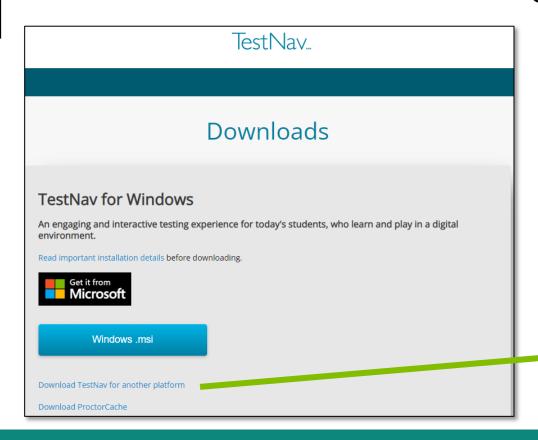
NOTE: Although some customers successfully use virtualization or thin clients, Pearson does not provide support for these technologies. Those using these technologies are responsible for their own virtualized environment security and performance.



TestNav 8 Download Page







Download TestNav for another platform



IMPORTANT NOTE: Prior to testing, you will need to download the latest version of the TestNav 8 application. Follow the link on the screen to download TestNav. The site automatically detects whether you use Windows or Mac and will direct you to the correct download page. The TestNav Application must be installed for students to take the assessment. They will not be able to test using a web browser.



Components of Online Testing

Pieces of the puzzle:

- TestNav 8
- Infrastructure Trial and the Training Site
- PearsonAccess^{next}





Online Testing Components

TestNav 8

- Delivers test content and allows student interaction
- Maintains and transmits student responses
- Connectivity/Save Warning system
- App Check

Infrastructure Trial

- Tests system for online testing
- Full trial if new to online testing
- Sample trial if have tested online before

PearsonAccess^{next}

- Administrative site
- Set up test sessions, manage live testing
- Some essential technology specific functions
- Training Site



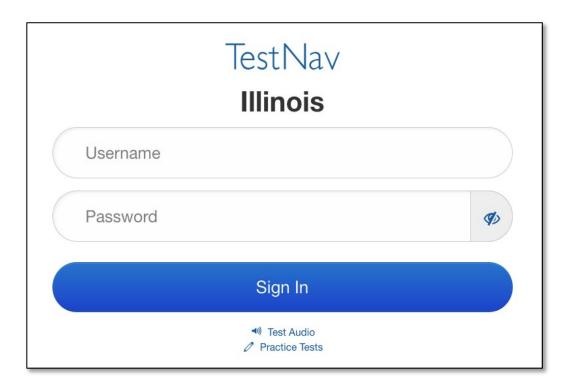




Overview

TestNav 8 is an installable test client that:

- Is supported on ChromeOS, MacOS, iOS, Linux and Windows devices.
- Requires minimal setup and configuration.
- Has built in tools such as:
 - App Check
 - Connectivity/Save Warning system





Delivery Methods

- **TestNav 8** is delivered through a device specific application.
- There are specific apps for each supported platform:
 - OS X, macOS
 - Windows
 - Linux
 - Chrome OS
 - iOS
- Setup and configuration:
 - Device specific setup steps
 - Install TestNav
 - Configure network infrastructure





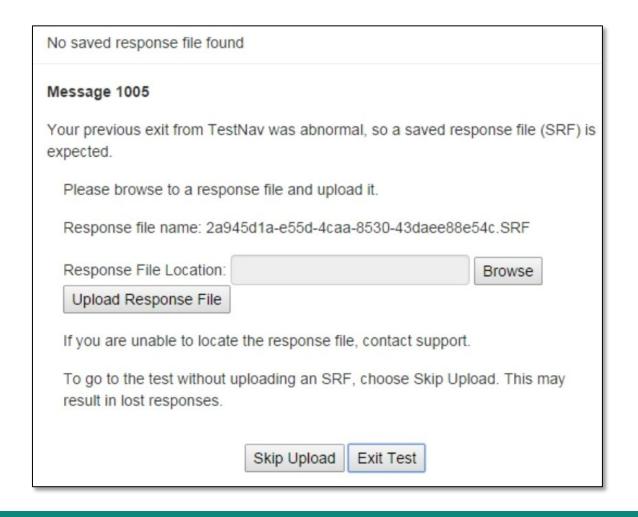




Connectivity/Save Warning – Overview

The Connectivity/Save Warning system is a background process built into TestNav that:

- Monitors background applications and connectivity.
- Manages test content delivery and upload of student responses.
- Monitors and enforces device test security.





NOTE: If an error is detected, a message will be displayed on the student workstation screen prohibiting the student from testing until the error is resolved. (If the errors persist, please write down the number associated with the error and contact Customer Support for further assistance. Ex. 1005)



Connectivity/Save Warning – Error Codes



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- If a Connectivity/Save Warning message is displayed, it will contain a specific error code and prevent the student from continuing their test until the error has been resolved.
- Complete error code documentation can be found on <u>TestNav 8 Error Codes</u>.
- A numeric error code is usually accompanied by a description of the error and potential resolution steps.

3005	TestNav has detected that another application attempted to become the active window, which may compromise the security of this test. TestNav has been shut down. You may need assistance from your test monitor to restart the test.	The student test session has been terminated. The test administrator must resume the student's test.
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8029	The installed app is out of date and needs to be updated in order to use TestNav on this device.	Download and install the latest version of the app.
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Warning Triggers

Even though there are many types of error codes, most of the potential causes can be traced back to a few main scenarios.

Connectivity

- Unable to retrieve content
- Unable to transmit responses

Saved Response File (SRF)

 Unable to write or read to SRF location

Potential Security Issues

- Application/Notification launches while TestNav is in kiosk mode
- Running applications in the background





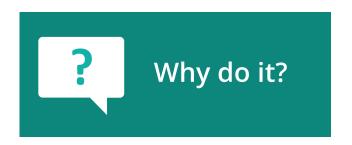


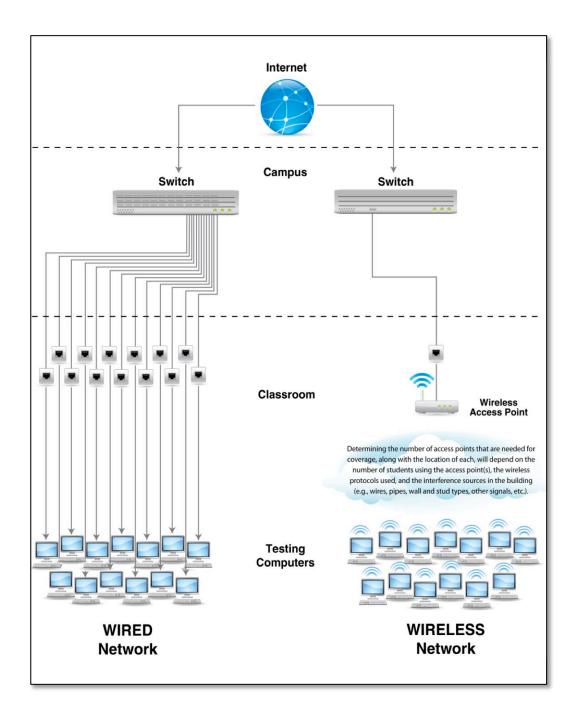
Infrastructure Trial



Infrastructure Trial Test your setup

An Infrastructure Trial tests your system. Even if you have done this in a previous administration, you should at least do a sample. Schools new to online should do a full Infrastructure Trial using all devices.







Infrastructure Trial

Why do it?

An **Infrastructure Trial** is a test run of your online testing. It does not use real student information and is completed in the brown PearsonAccess^{next} Training site.

This is a low-stakes, trial run/practice test for confirmation that:

- TestNav is configured correctly.
- Devices can successfully run TestNav.
- The network has been properly configured.
- Students are familiar with the computer-based tools and format.
- Test Administrators understand the controls and how to deliver the test.



Infrastructure Trial Readiness Guide





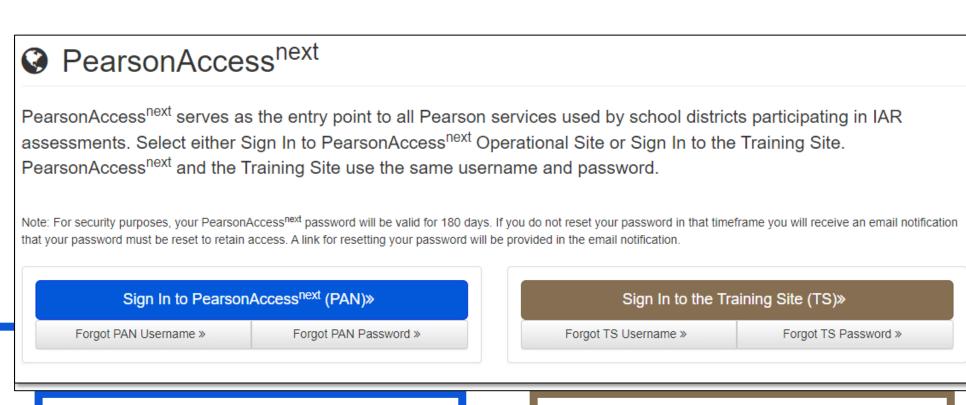
Set Up: PearsonAccess^{next}

TestNav Configuration



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Overview



Blue site for Live test Administration.

Brown site for Infrastructure Trial Administration.

https://il.pearsonaccessnext.com/

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Proctor Cache



Proctor Cache for summative assessments is no longer recommended.



If your organization has not previously set up Proctor Cache machines, then no action is needed.



If your organization does have a previous Proctor Cache machine configuration, the following options are recommended:

- Remove all configurations; or
- Set up a Proctor Cache configuration.



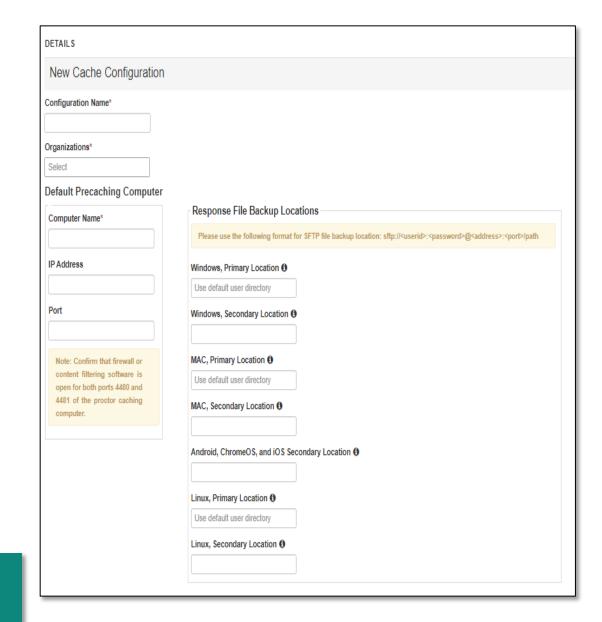
Technology Tasks

Technology staff will have the **Technology Coordinator** role in PearsonAccess^{next} and will be responsible for creating TestNav configurations.

TestNav configurations:

- Enter a Configuration Name
- List Primary Save Response File (SRF) location.
- Include the primary backup file location for your different devices.
- Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).
- These fields must be populated whether using caching or not.

NOTE: Configurations should be created before test sessions are created and must be created before caching.





To Create a TestNav configuration:

- Enter a Configuration Name.
- 2. Select the **Organizations** that will use the configuration.
- 3. Enter a Computer Name.
- 4. Leave the IP Address and Port fields blank.

NOTE: We are not utilizing Precaching computers, but a computer name must be entered since it is a required field. Anything may be entered here, however leave the IP Address and Port fields blank.

Organizations*					
Select					
Default Precaching Computer					
Computer Name*					
IP Address					
Port					
Note: Confirm that firewall or content filtering software is open for both ports 4480 and 4481 of the proctor caching computer.					



Save Locations

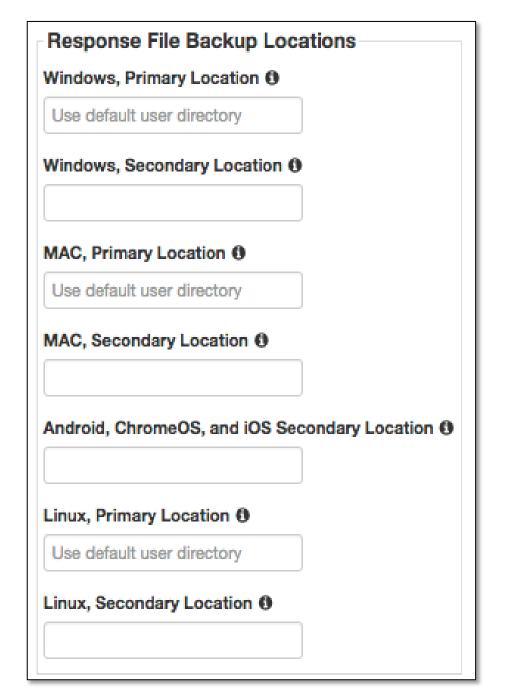
There MUST be one viable save location designated in order to test online.

By default, the primary save location is on the student device unless the district tried to customize it using the TestNav Configuration.

Pearson recommends NOT changing the primary since it is reliable for the one required save location.

Set Save Response File (SRF) locations:

- Define different locations by test device.
- Define the primary SRF location for Windows, Mac, and Linux.





Customizing Save Locations

If using an SFTP server, ensure:

- The device is turned on, and SFTP services are running.
- That the syntax inside of PearsonAccess^{next} is correct. (sftp://<userid>:<password>@<address>:/<path>)
- That neither the user id or password contain the @ symbol. This will invalidate the syntax. (sftp://fileuser123:pa\$\$w0rd!@192.168.10.1 2:22/srf)
- Ensure that the device and SFTP server used for the secondary save location is on during testing.

If you set a network file server, do not use:

- Spaces in the save location path.
- A location that requires authentication. (If authentication is required, TestNav cannot access the shared location.)
- A Windows UNC (Uniform Naming Convention) or network path, such as \\ComputerName\SharedFolder\Resource on a c or Linux.



Pearson recommends that you specify a mapped drive location, such as: D:\TopDirectory\NextDirectory\SaveLocation

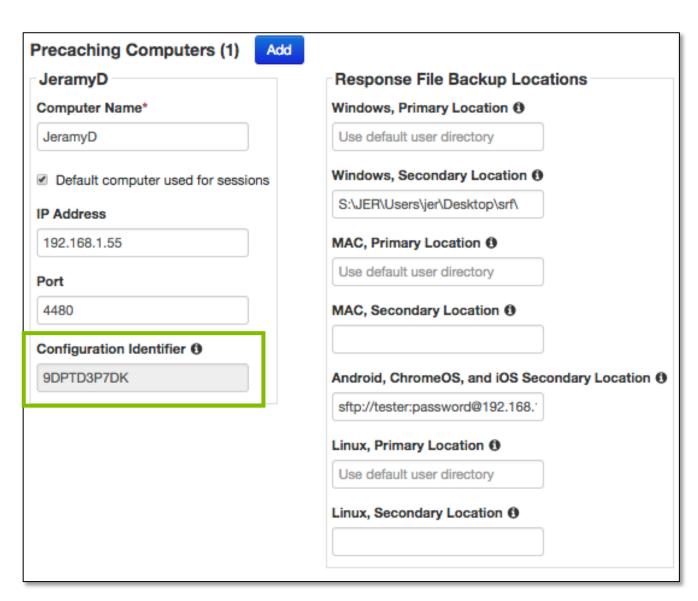


Configuration Identifier

A unique configuration identifier is created once a configuration is saved.

Use a configuration identifier along with App Check to:

 Verify successful access to SRF locations.

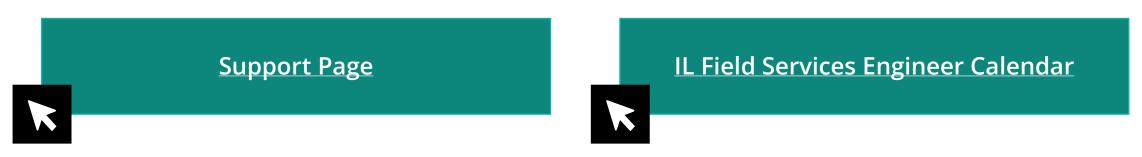




Secondary Save Location

- A secondary save location is no longer needed.
- If the secondary save location is desired, please set up time with the Pearson Field Engineer staff.

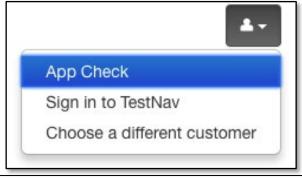
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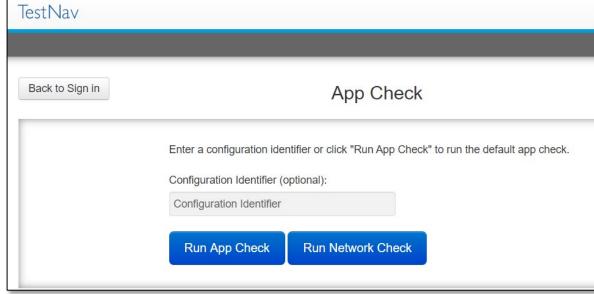




App Check

- App Check is built into TestNav
- No additional installation or configuration required
- Accessed from the TestNav 8 app menu
- App Check can be completed in around 10 seconds





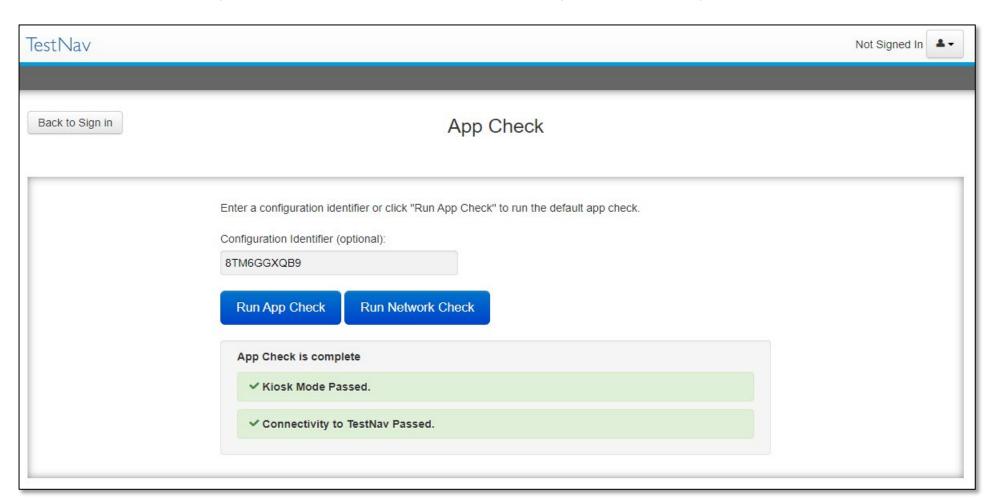


NOTE: A **configuration identifier** will only generate within PearsonAccess^{next} once a TestNav configuration is created. Adding a configuration identifier from the TestNav configuration to App Check will ensure you've successfully configured your Save Locations.



Configuration Identifier and App Check Working Together

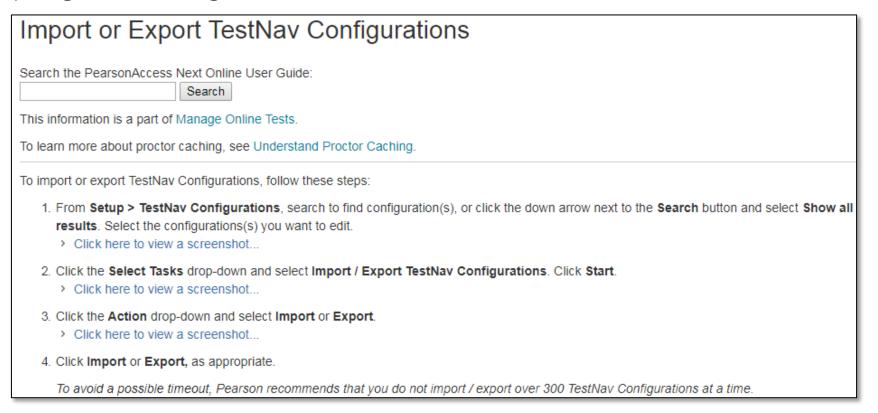
When using App Check you want to add the configuration identifier before clicking Run App Check. In this example, Kiosk Mode and Connectivity to TestNav passed.





Import TestNav Configurations

- TestNav configurations created in the brown Training site can be imported into the blue Live PearsonAccess^{next} site.
- Any configurations you created in a previous testing administration will carry over (e.g., IAR Spring 2023 configurations).



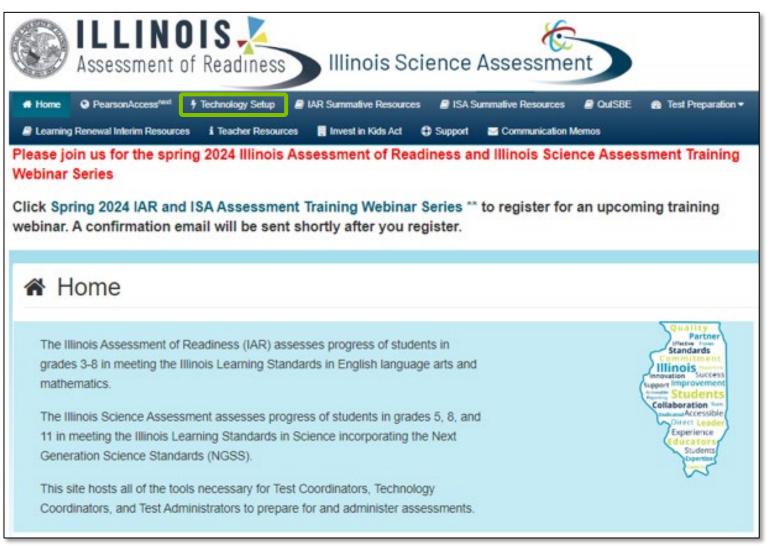




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Pearson Support Page







Technology Page



Technology Setup

Use the information and tools on this page to prepare technology for online testing, including downloading or accessing TestNav. TestNav is used to deliver online tests to students.

TestNav8 Downloads Page »

Illinois IAR districts - schedule a time with Pearson Field Engineer staff to discuss technology questions/concerns.

Use this calendar to set-up time with the Pearson Technology Field Engineering Team to address questions on the following:

- How your district infrastructure interacts with Pearson systems (examples may include: firewalls, content filters, student devices, proctor caching servers, wifi access points, etc.)
- How to prepare and complete an infrastructure trial in your district
- · Discuss issues or questions that arose while performing an infrastructure trial
- · How to set-up proctor caching in your district
- Other recommendations on online testing set-up for your district or school.

Note: During live testing, please call Illinois Customer Support for immediate assistance.

Technology Requirements

View hardware and software requirements for administering online tests.

Technology Requirements ▼

List of Chromebooks that have reached Auto Update Expiration (AUE) and will not deliver the IAR in Spring of 2022 (see models highlighted in red).

List of Chromebooks ▼

Additional Technology Resources

User Guides are product guides to be used by Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and technology personnel for technical instructions and troubleshooting.

Spring 2023 Technology Coordinator Training Webinar ▼

Additional Technology Resources ▼



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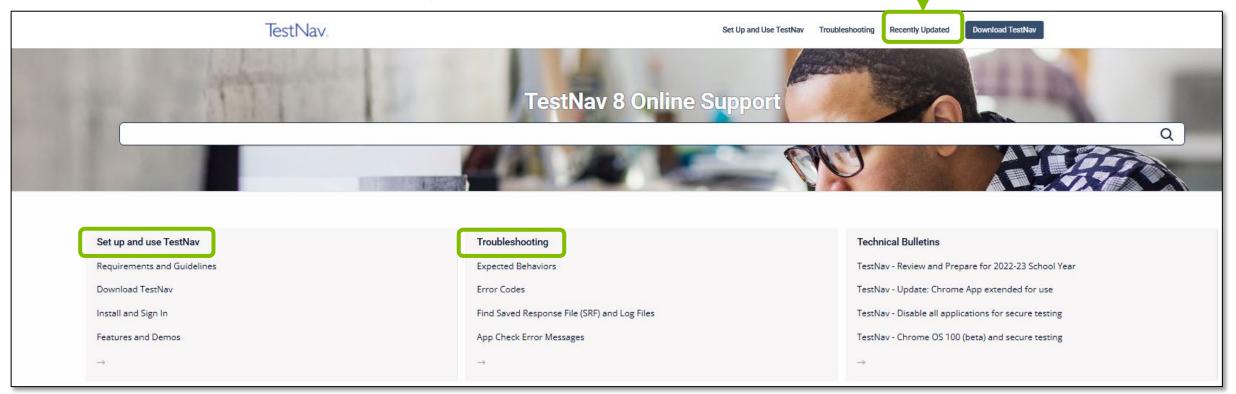
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	Online User Guide		
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TestNav 8 Online Support Page (continued)

- The **TestNav 8 Support Page** is regularly updated to reflect the most current system requirements, setup steps, network requirements and guidelines, troubleshooting information and more.
- Make use of the Recently Updated button on the top bar.







Support

Multiple Support Options:

- Technology Office Hours
- Pearson Help Desk



Technology Office Hours

- Pearson Field Engineer staff are available to discuss technology questions/concerns specific to your district and/or school at a time convenient to you.
- The calendar is available at <u>IL Field Services Engineering</u> to set-up a personal appointment to discuss any of the following:
 - Recommendations for online testing set-up for your district or school.

Schedule your Technology Office Hours!

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IL Field Services Engineer Calendar



ISBE – Pearson Contacts Information





ISBE Assessment Department

866-317-6034

- Email ISBE
- ISBE Assessment Site

Pearson Customer Support

833-213-3879

• Support Page

We would like to remind everyone that a recording of the webinar, an FAQ of all questions asked today, and a PDF of the slides will be posted on the Support Page.



