

# I. Introduction

This document is intended for technology staff responsible for setting up the MCAS computer-based testing technology.

MCAS computer-based testing will use the following components:

- the **MCAS Portal**, the test administration and management website for district test coordinators, technology coordinators, principals/school test coordinators, test administrators, and other staff as needed
- the **MCAS Training Site**, where test coordinators, principals, technology coordinators, and test administrators can practice the tasks required in the MCAS Portal
- the **MCAS Student Kiosk**, the student testing platform

This document contains information on technology requirements, instructions for installing the MCAS Student Kiosk and conducting Site Readiness testing on student devices used for computer-based testing, and guidance on error messages that could occur when using the MCAS Student Kiosk.

For more information on working with the MCAS Portal, see the *Guide to the MCAS Portal*, which is available in the [MCAS Resource Center](#).

## A. Technology Overview

The MCAS Student Kiosk is used by students for secure online testing. The kiosk restricts access to other computer applications during testing and is a cross-platform application. The kiosk runs on Windows®, Mac®, and Linux® operating systems, iPad® tablets, and Chromebook™ notebook computers.

Information on using third-party accessibility or accommodations software with the kiosk can be found in [Appendix E: Guidelines for Using Assistive Technology as an MCAS Test Accommodation](#) of the *Accessibility and Accommodations Manual for the 2025–2026 Test Administrations*.

## B. Overview of Steps for Technology Coordinators

The MCAS Student Kiosk is installed and set up by a Technology Coordinator (TC). District Test Coordinators (DTCs) and School Test Coordinators (STCs) can also perform these tasks.

After your DTC or STC has set up your TC account, you will receive your user account information via email. If you have not received your account information with your login credentials, contact your DTC or STC.

Follow the steps below to install and set up the MCAS Student Kiosk for your school. Further information on each step is provided in subsequent sections.

1. Review the Technology Guidelines in Section II of this document to ensure that you have the correct devices and equipment for student testing.
2. Configure your network to support student testing on the kiosk by following the instructions in Section III: Technology Setup.
3. Download and install the appropriate MCAS Student Kiosk to each student testing device by following the instructions in Section IV: MCAS Student Kiosk Installation below:

- [ChromeOS application](#)
- [iPadOS application](#)
- [Linux](#)
- [MacOS](#)
- [Windows](#)

If your student testing devices have the MCAS Student Kiosk installed from the 2024–25 school year, please see the table below and the instructions in each section linked above.

Kiosk Installed in 2024–25	Action Required for MCAS Testing in 2025–26
ChromeOS	Uninstall the old MCAS kiosk app from the ChromeOS management console. Add the new MCAS Web app and extension.
iPad	Manually update the kiosk if automatic updates are not enabled.
Linux	Uninstall the old kiosk and then download and install the new kiosk.
MacOS	Schools are not required to uninstall the old kiosk. They will need to download and install the new kiosk.
Windows	Schools are not required to uninstall the old kiosk. They will need to download and install the new kiosk.

4. Complete [Site Readiness](#), using the Site Readiness tool, and certify that the school's devices and technology are ready for testing. All schools should complete Site Readiness to confirm that the school's technology infrastructure has been set up correctly and that testing devices meet minimum requirements and have been properly configured.

**Note:** To ensure that the school technology setup is ready for MCAS testing, it is recommended to complete Site Readiness at least four weeks prior to testing. When all the configurations that will be used for student testing are ready, [certify](#) that the site is ready for student testing.

Contact the MCAS Service Center with any questions about technology guidelines, downloading the MCAS Student Kiosk, and the Site Readiness tool.