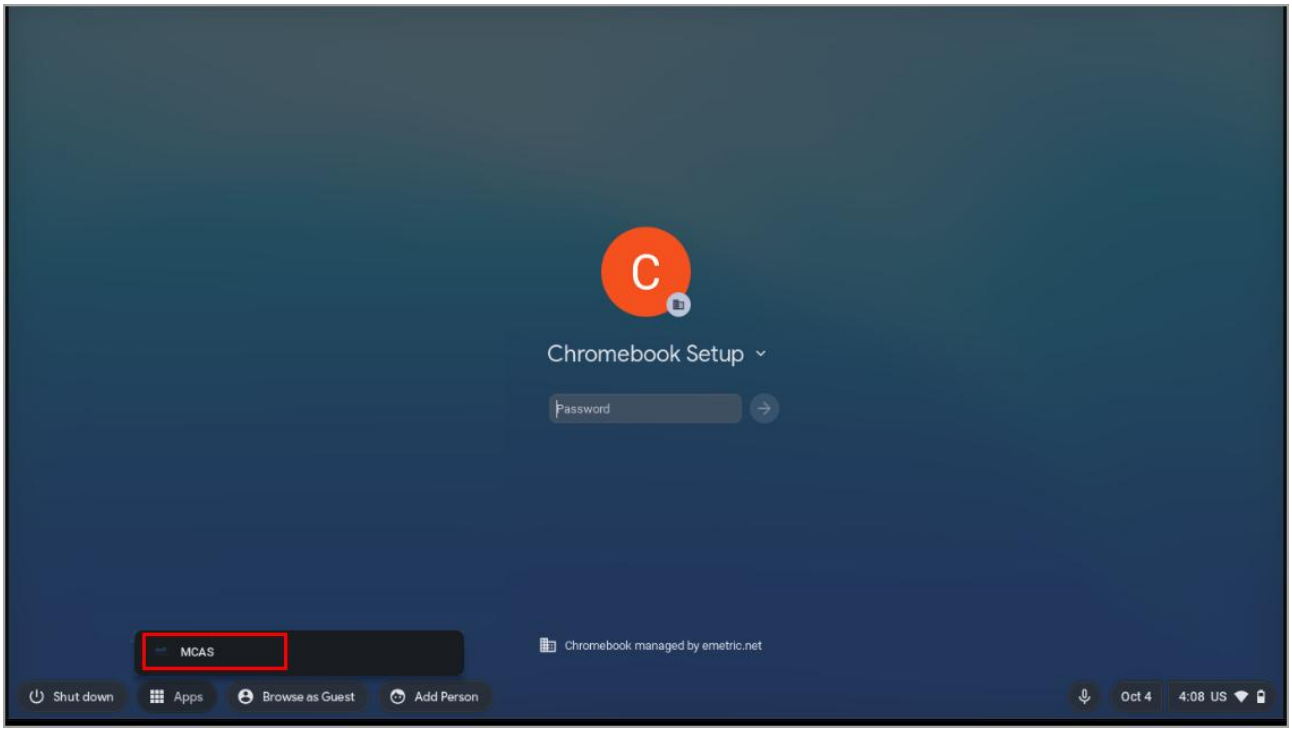


Important Note: Students should not log in to Chromebooks using their Google accounts to take an operational test. When the Chromebooks are turned on, simply click the **Apps** link in the bottom row and select the **MCAS** app. The kiosk will open in full-screen mode.

For more information, refer to the following links:

- Use Chromebooks for Student Assessments

  Important Note: Read "Scenario 1: School sets up Chromebook™ to run as a Single App Kiosk running the exam app." Do **not** follow the instructions for Scenarios 2 and 3.
- Manage Device Settings, which provides general information for managed Chromebooks.

Once these steps have been verified, run Site Readiness prior to testing. This step is very important to ensure that the PWA has been set up correctly. Step-by-step instructions for completing Site Readiness are in Part V: Site Readiness Testing and Site Certification.

B. iPadOS App Installation

Step 1: Set up your school testing environment

Review section II: Technology Guidelines and section III: Technology Setup in detail.

Step 2: Update or download the iTester App.

If the iTester app was installed on your devices in the previous school year, the app will need to be updated.

- If automatic updates are enabled, no action is required.
- If automatic updates are not enabled on the iPad, follow the steps below to update the iTester app.
    1. Open the **App Store** on the iPad
    2. Tap your **Apple ID icon** or your profile picture in the top right corner.
    3. Scroll down to view pending updates.
    4. Tap **Update** next to the iTester app.

If the iTester app was not installed on your devices previously, follow the steps below to install the iTester app.

Download the iTester App from the Apple App Store

The iTester iPad app is a Single Instance app. Technology coordinators will select the MCAS during the initial setup of the app. If you do not already have the iTester app on your iPad, download it from the Apple App Store following the steps below.

1. Open the **App Store** on the iPad.



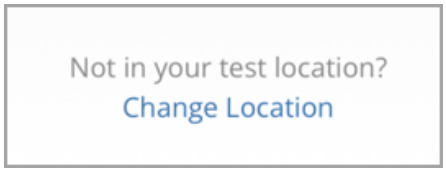
2. Search for **iTester**.
3. When you locate the iTester app, click **Get** to download it to the iPad.



4. Launch the iTester app.
5. Choose **MCAS** from the drop-down menu and then click **Go**. You will be directed to the student sign in screen for the MCAS Student Kiosk.



Note: If you select the wrong program in the **Choose your location** drop-down menu, select **Change Location** on the iTester login page.



When you are ready to complete Site Readiness for this configuration, refer to section V: Site Readiness Testing and Site Certification.

New for 2026–27: Configure iPad for control with external keyboard (optional)

If using a physical keyboard with an iPad, granting Full Keyboard Access will allow users to control the device with keyboard shortcuts instead of the touchscreen.

To configure iPads for full kiosk control using an external keyboard, follow these steps:

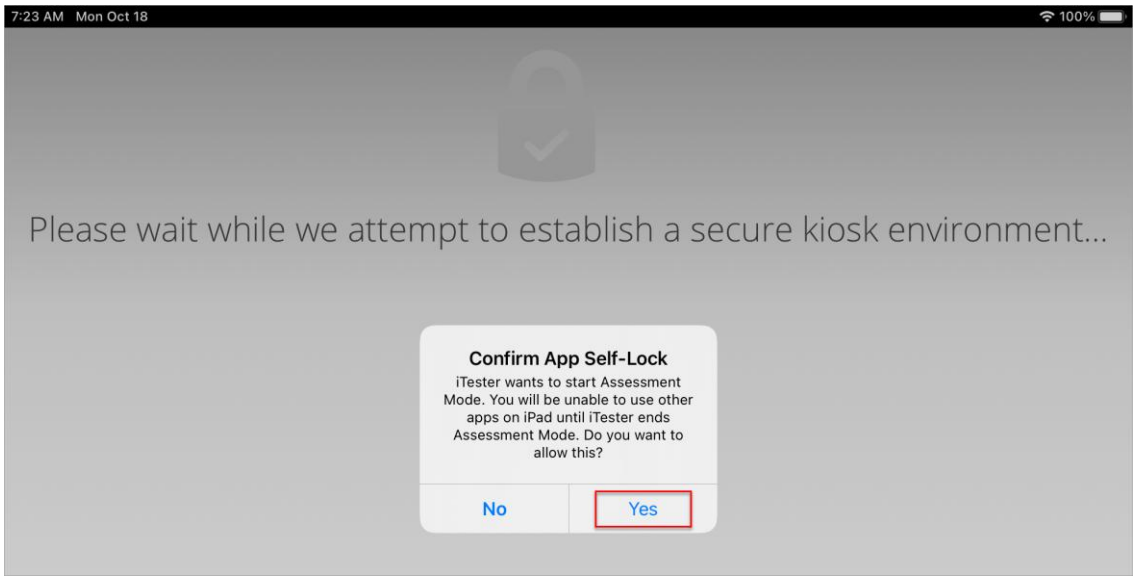
1. Open the **Settings app**.
2. Tap **Accessibility** on the left-side menu.
3. Select **Keyboards & Typing**.
4. Tap **Full Keyboard Access**.
5. Toggle the switch to **On**.

New for 2026–27: Students using an Apple Magic Mouse with an iPad running iPadOS 26 may experience issues such as needing to double-click to select items, inaccurate drag-and-drop behavior, or equation editor buttons responding to single clicks multiple times. If using an Apple Magic Mouse, it is strongly recommended to verify functionality

via a practice test before test administration begins. If these issues occur, it is recommended to use touch input or an alternative mouse to complete the assessment.

Automatic Assessment Configuration

A feature in iPadOS called Assessment Mode (AM) (formerly known as Automatic Assessment Configuration [AAC]) works with iTester to lock down an iPad for online testing. Technology coordinators do not need to do anything to set up AM. When a student launches the iTester App and logs in to a test, and then logs in to a test session, AM will automatically prompt the user to enter single app mode.



This action disables features such as auto correction, define, spell check, predictive keyboard and some keyboard shortcuts. For a complete list, visit this Apple Support page.

This feature helps ensure a secure test environment without requiring technology coordinators to use Mobile Device Manager Software or manually turn on guided access and change keyboard settings. AM is the preferred method of securing the iTester App and should be used in place of guided access. If guided access is on, it will override AM; therefore, guided access should be turned off to allow AM to function. No additional setup is necessary to enable AM.

C. Linux

Step 1: Set up your school technology

Review section II: Technology Guidelines and section III: Technology Setup in detail.

Step 2: Remove the previous version of the MCAS Student Kiosk.

The Linux kiosk is updated each year. **New for 2026–27:** If your devices have a previous version of the Linux MCAS Student Kiosk, it will need to be uninstalled before