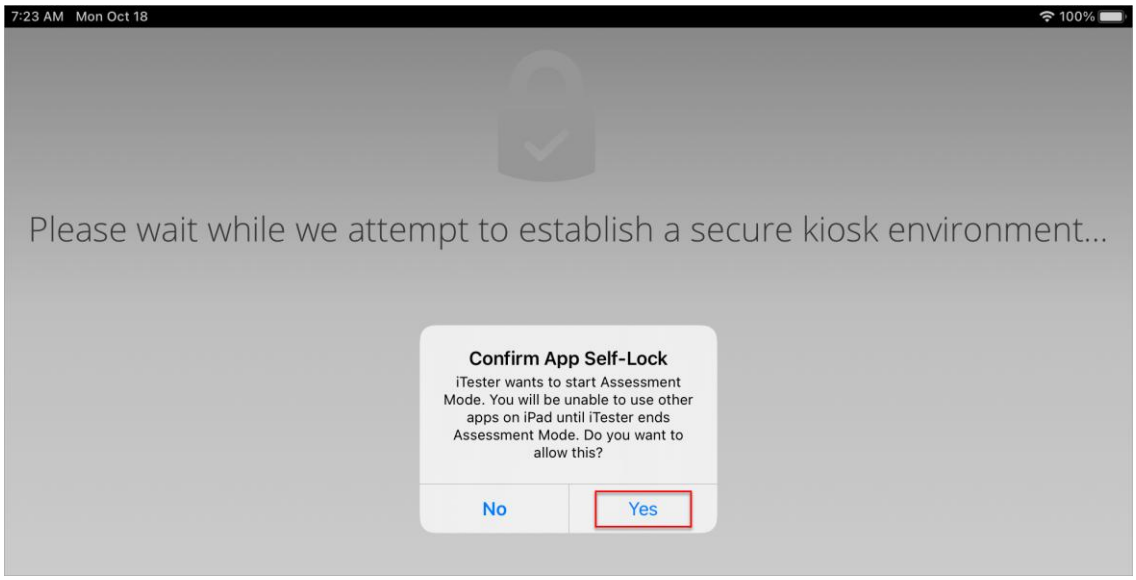
via a practice test before test administration begins. If these issues occur, it is recommended to use touch input or an alternative mouse to complete the assessment.

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.

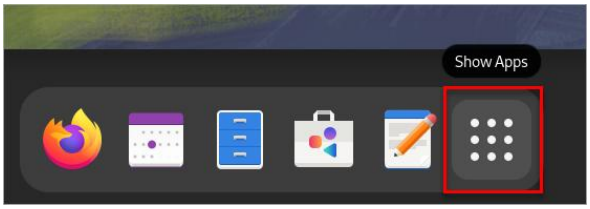
Step 2: Remove the previous version of the MCAS Student Kiosk.

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

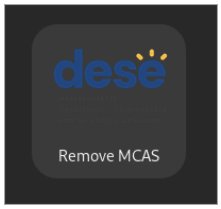
downloading and installing the latest version. To uninstall a previous version of the MCAS Student Kiosk for Linux follow the steps below.

If your devices do not have a previous year's kiosk installed, skip ahead to the next page to Step 3: Download the MCAS Student Kiosk.

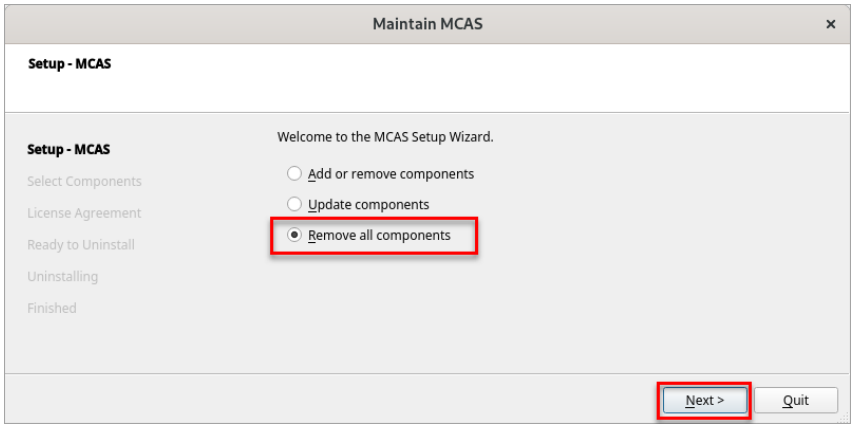
1. On the desktop of the device, select **Show Apps**.



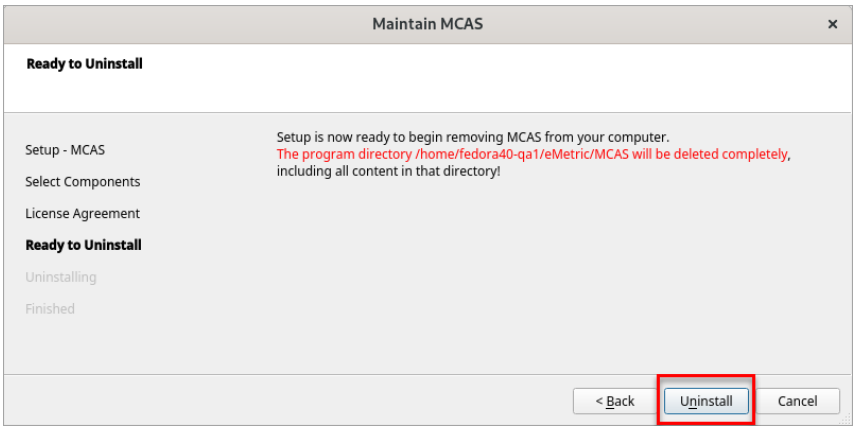
2. Select the icon **Remove MCAS**.



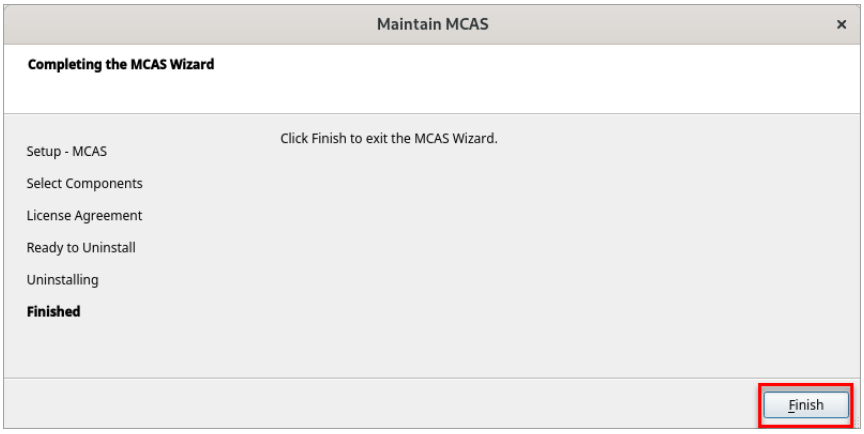
3. Select **Remove all components** and then select **Next**.



4. Select **Uninstall**.



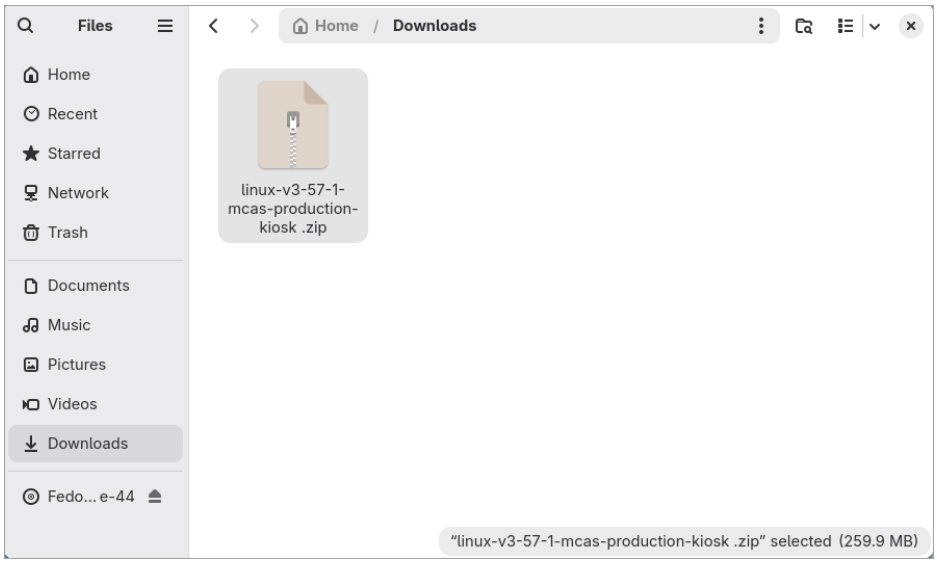
5. Once completed, select **Finish** to exit the MCAS installer.



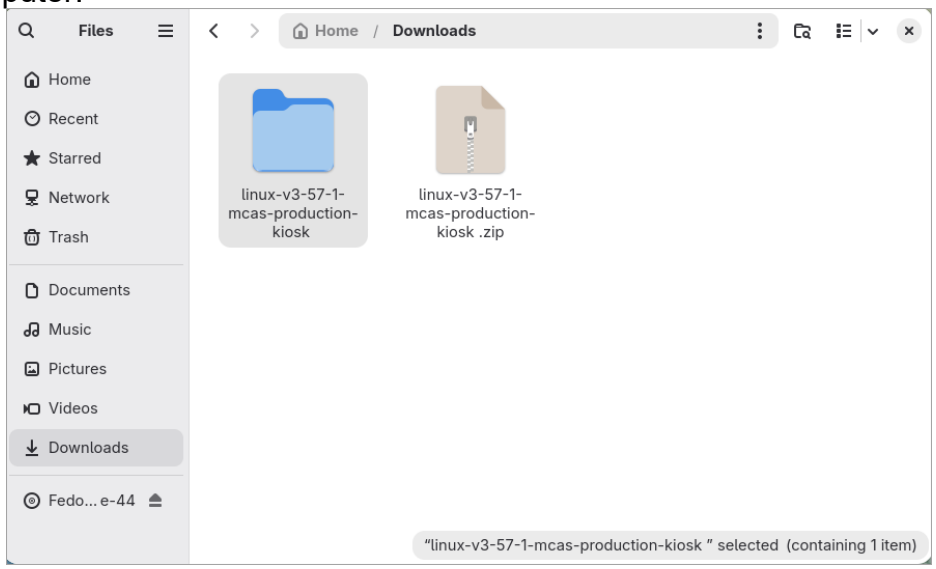
Follow the steps below to install the kiosk on all student testing devices running Linux.

Step 3: Download the MCAS Student Kiosk

1. Go to the MCAS Portal and log in with your username and password. If you need assistance logging in to the MCAS Portal, contact your school or district test coordinator.
2. On the portal home page, click **Administration.**
3. On the Administration home page, click **Student Kiosk for Linux**. The file will download to the “Downloads” folder.



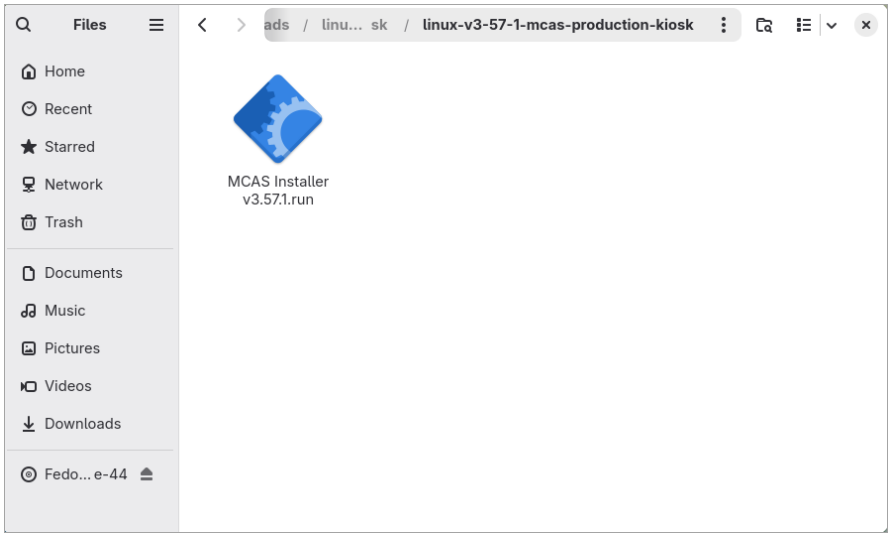
4. Extract the installation file from the zipped package to a location on the computer.



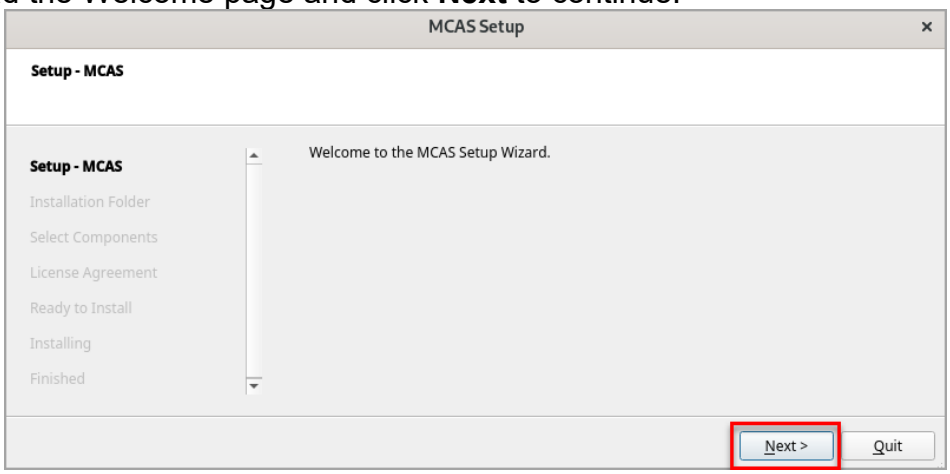
Step 4: Install the downloaded Kiosk

Upon completion of extraction of installation file:

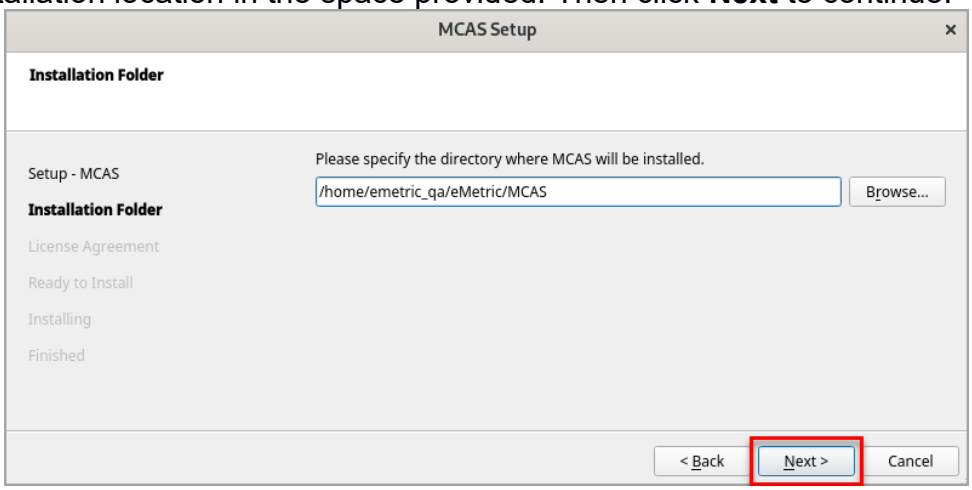
1. Navigate to the kiosk installer file and execute.



2. Read the Welcome page and click **Next** to continue.



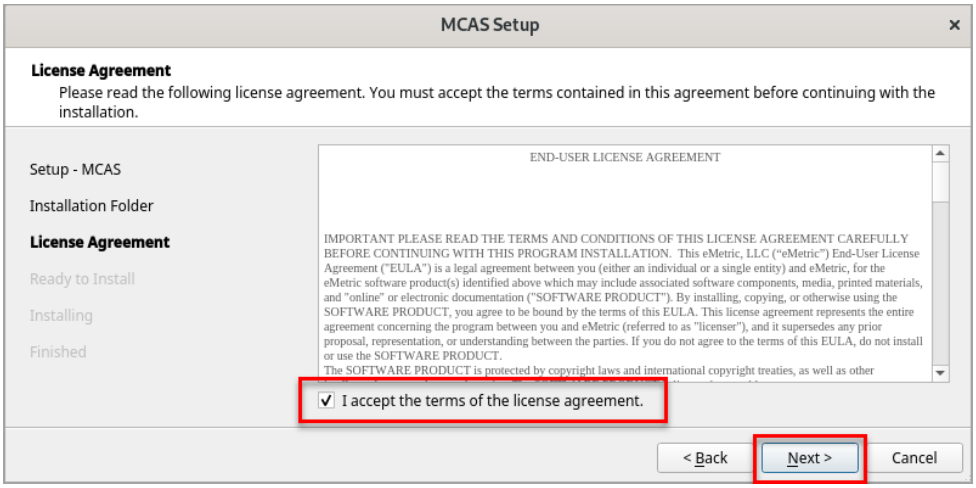
3. Use the default folder location for installation or click **Browse** and type a different installation location in the space provided. Then click **Next** to continue.



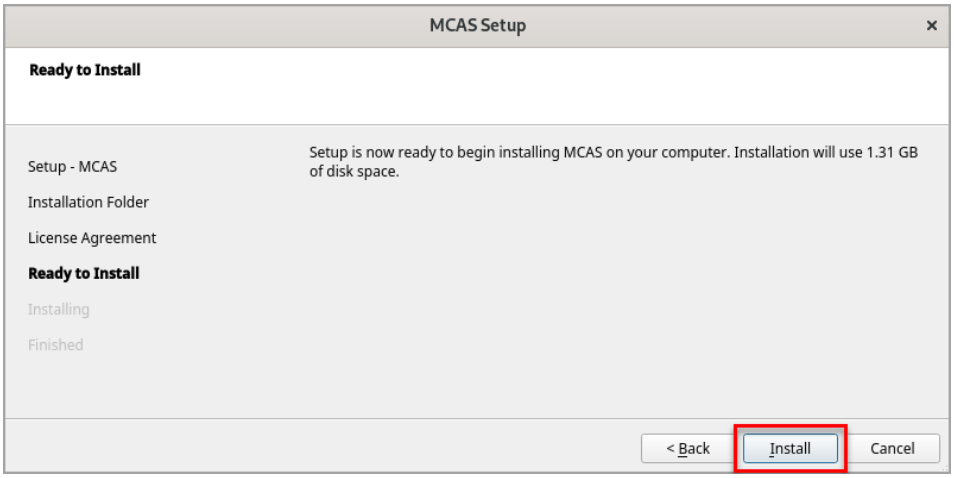
It is recommended that the kiosk is installed on the testing device instead of a network installation to avoid network connection issues (refer to section III part A, Network Connectivity).

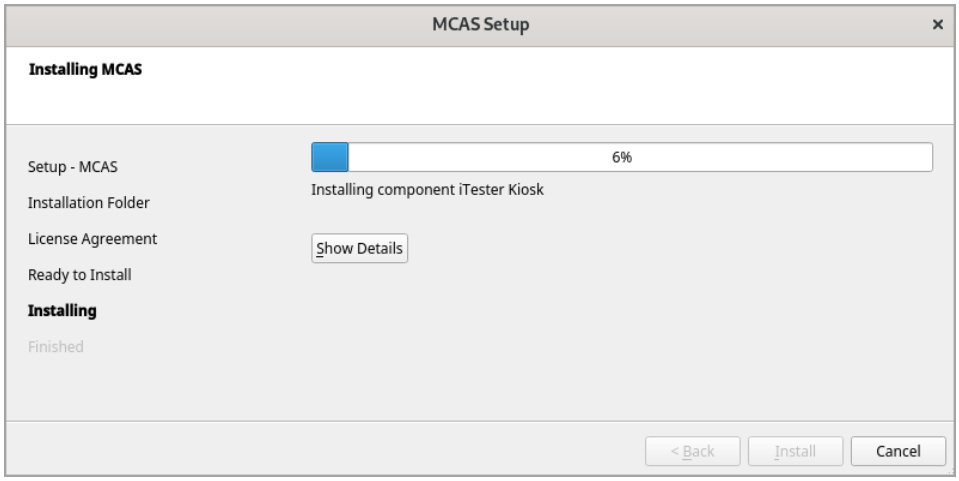
Important: In the event the student loses internet connectivity during testing, responses will be stored to this location. Additionally, this folder must have the appropriate permissions to allow test takers to write data.

4. Read the License Agreement and check the **I accept the terms of the license agreement** check box. Click **Next** to continue.

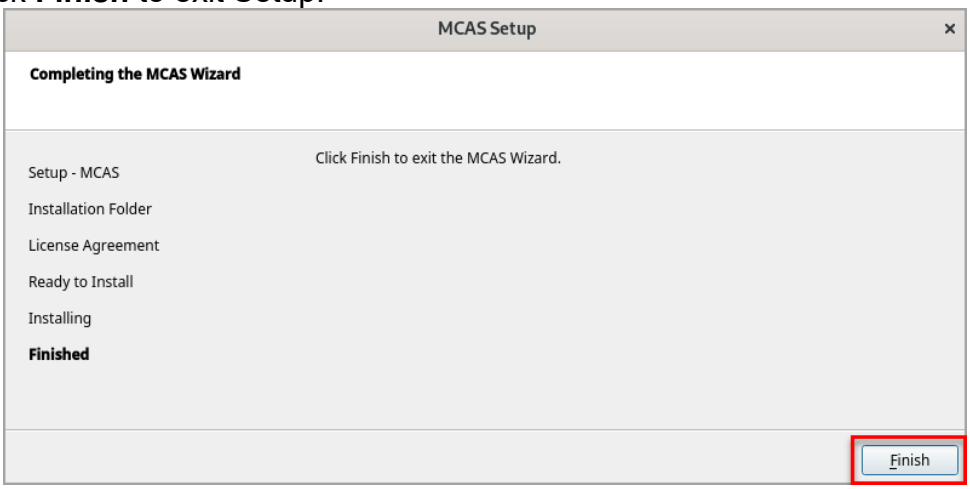


5. Click **Install**, a blue bar will be shown to show the progress as the kiosk is installed.





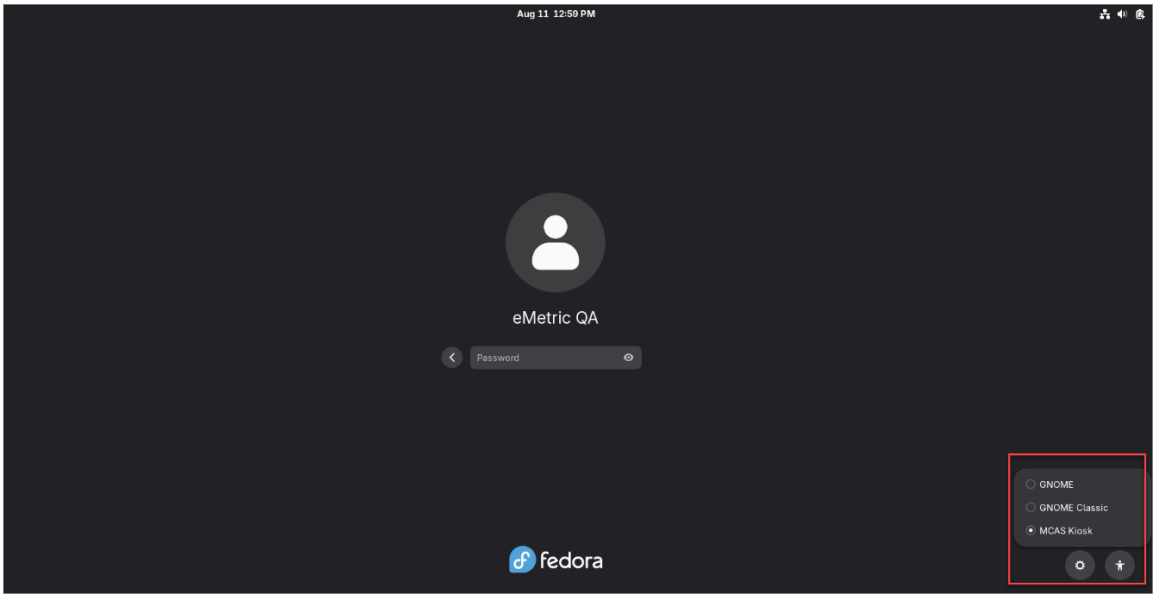
6. Click **Finish** to exit Setup.



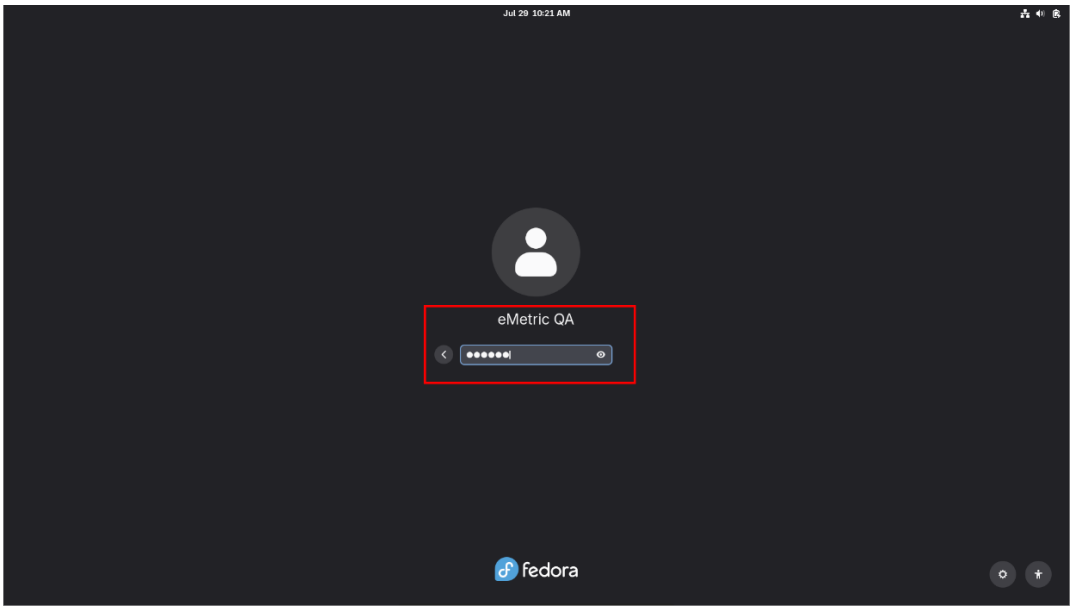
7. When the MCAS Wizard has been exited, log out of your current session by clicking the system menu in the top right corner of your screen, then select **Power / Log Out**, and click **Log Out**.



8. Select the kiosk app session by clicking on your Linux user account on the login screen. Before entering your password, click the **gear icon** in the bottom-right corner of the screen and select **MCAS** from the list.



9. Sign in to the kiosk session by entering the password for the Linux user account, then press Enter or click **Sign In**.



10. The system will boot directly to the student sign in screen for the MCAS Student Kiosk.

    Note: The Linux desktop environment is disabled, and the user will only be able to access the MCAS Student Kiosk. To return to the desktop environment, exit the MCAS Student Kiosk, click the **gear icon** in the bottom-right corner of the screen and select **GNOME** from the list

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

D. MacOS

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 macOS kiosk is updated each year. **New for 2026–27:** if your devices have a previous version of the macOS MCAS Student Kiosk, it will need to be uninstalled before downloading and installing the latest version. To uninstall a previous version of the MCAS Student Kiosk for macOS follow the steps below.

If your devices do not have a previous year's kiosk installed, skip ahead to the next page to Step 3: Download the MCAS Student Kiosk.

1. Open the **Applications** folder by clicking the **Finder icon** at the bottom of your screen.