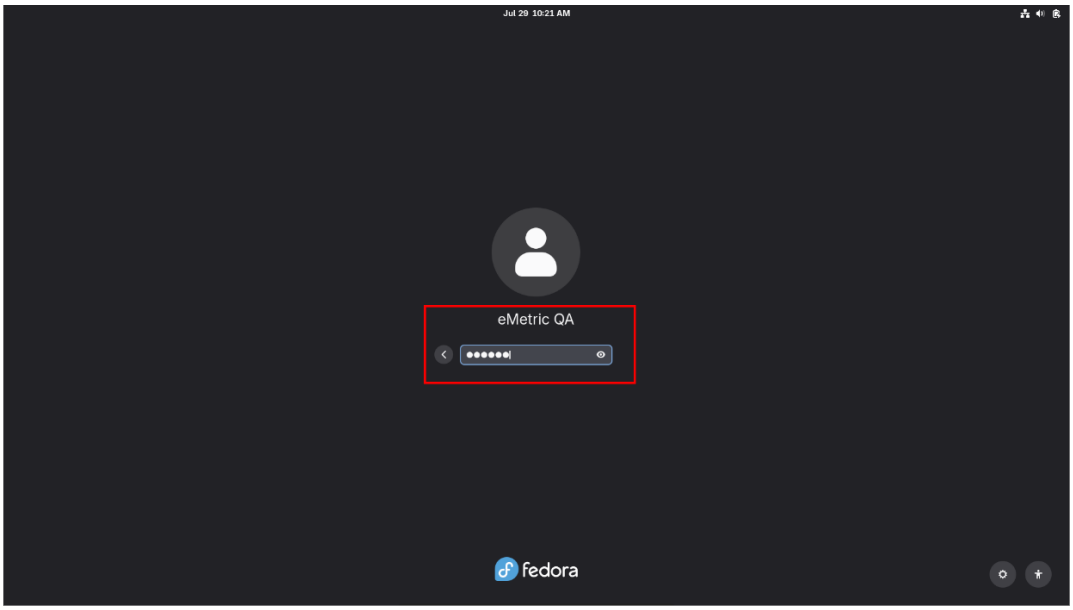


10. The system will boot directly to the student sign in screen for the MCAS Student Kiosk.

    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.

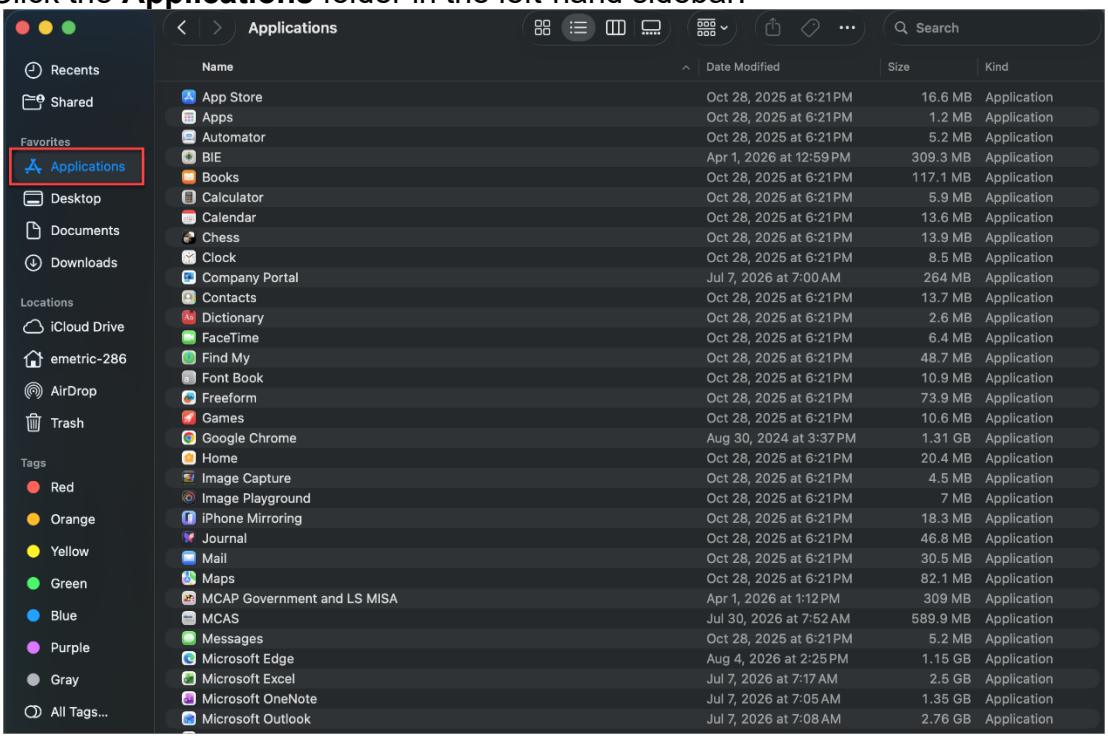
The macOS kiosk is updated each year. **New for 2026–27:** if your devices have a previous version of the macOS MCAS Student Kiosk, it will need to be uninstalled before downloading and installing the latest version. To uninstall a previous version of the MCAS Student Kiosk for macOS follow the steps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

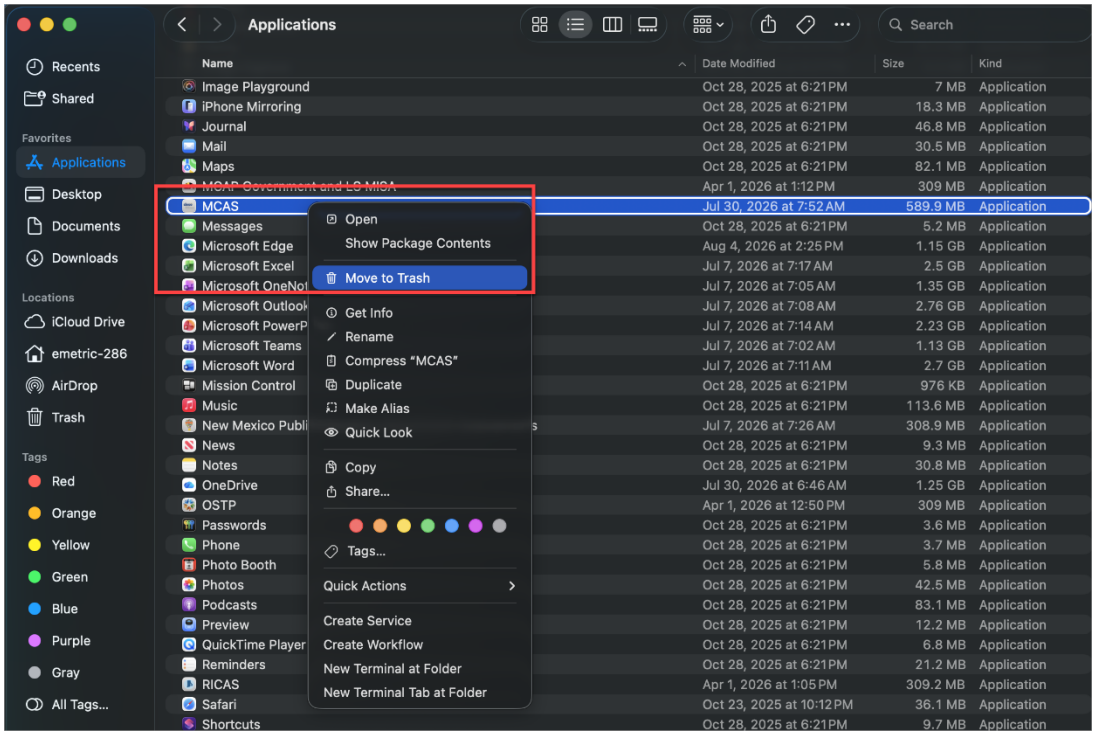


2. Click the **Applications** folder in the left-hand sidebar.

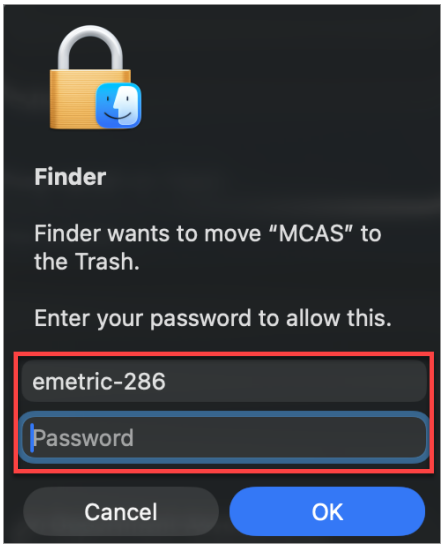


Note: If you do not see the sidebar, click **Go** in the top menu bar and select **Applications**.

3. Locate the MCAS app and right-click the app icon and select **Move to Trash** (or **Move to Bin**).



4. If prompted, type your user password to authorize the change.



5. Empty the trash to permanently delete the older version of the MCAS app.



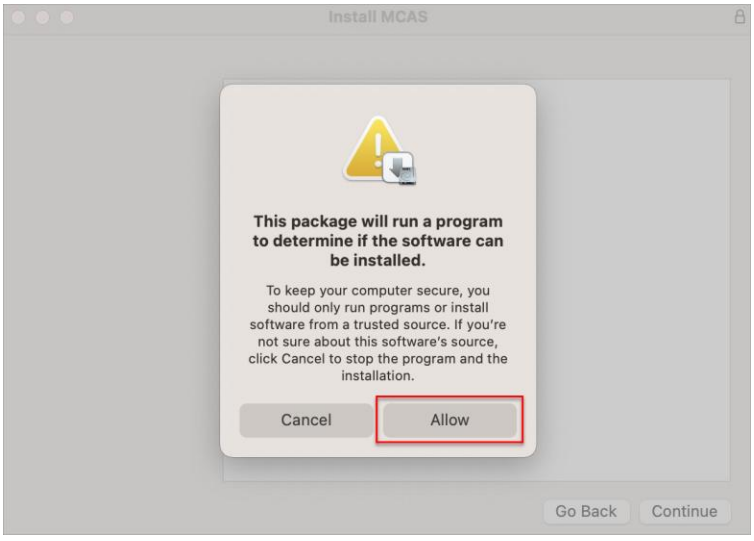
Step 3: Download the MCAS Student Kiosk

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 Mac**. The kiosk will download to the device.

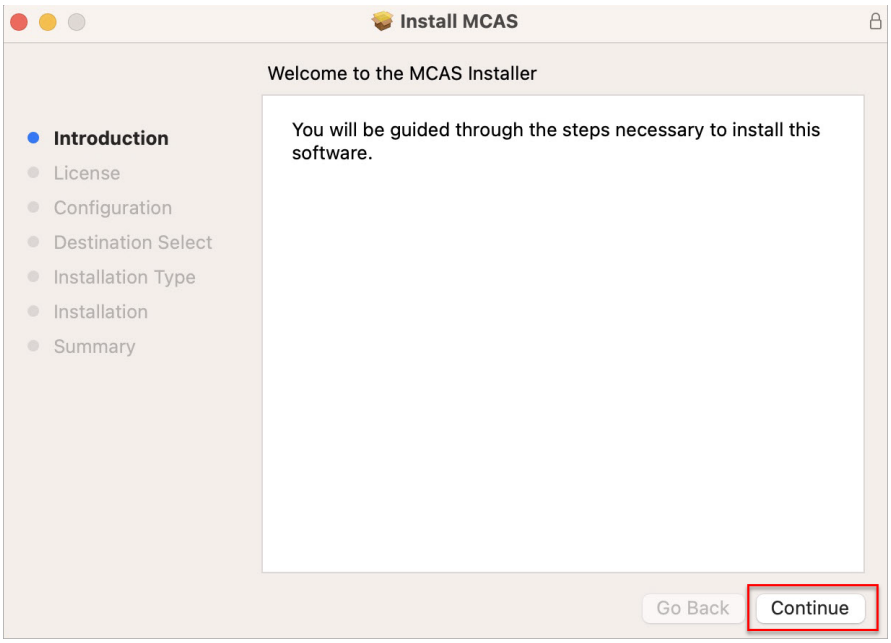
Step 4: Install the downloaded Kiosk

Upon completion of the download process:

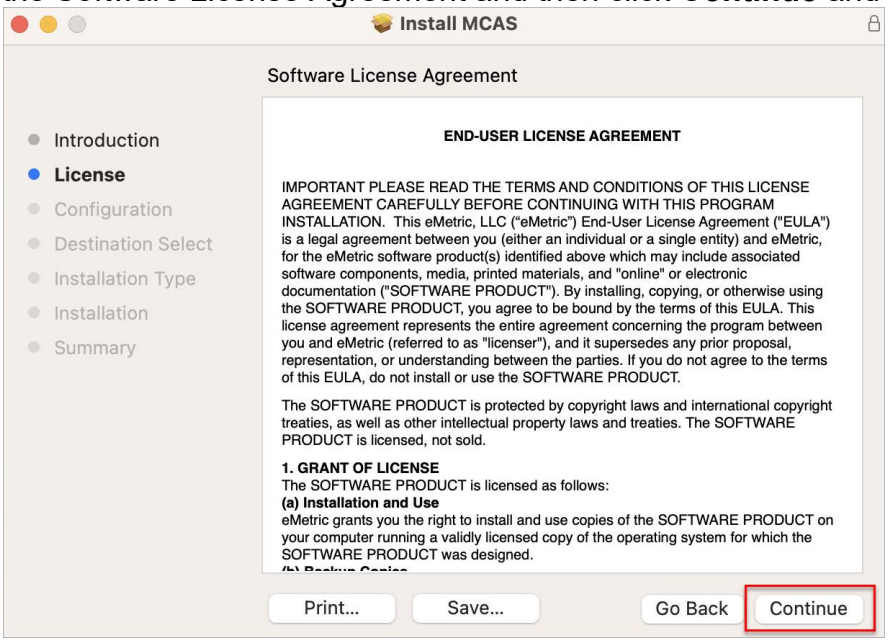
1. Navigate to the file location you specified during the File Save process.
2. The package will run a program to determine if the software can be installed. Click **Allow**.

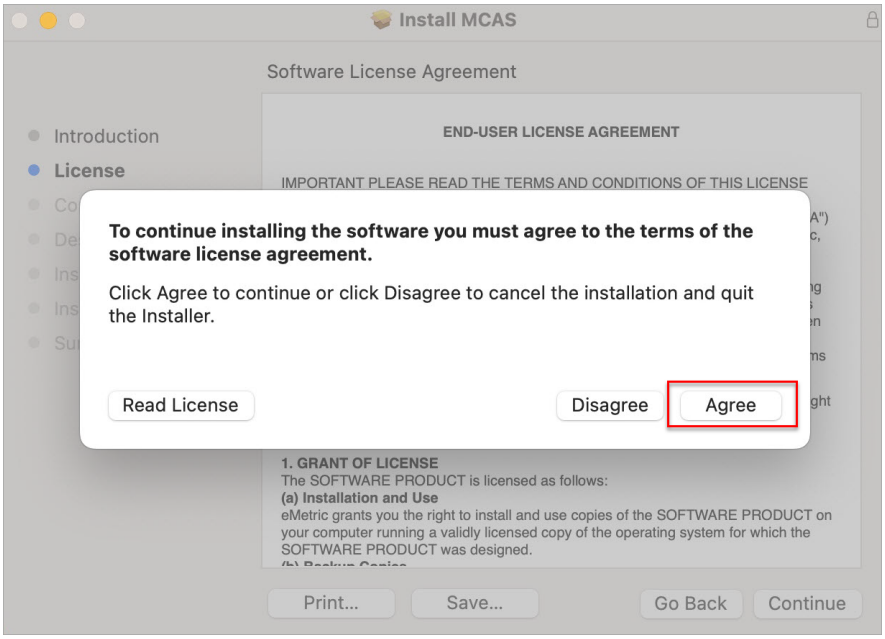


3. Read the instructions and click **Continue**.



4. Read the Software License Agreement and then click **Continue** and then **Agree**.





5. Indicate where you would like to store student responses.

   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 read/write permissions to allow test takers to write data to this location.

   Choose from the following two options:

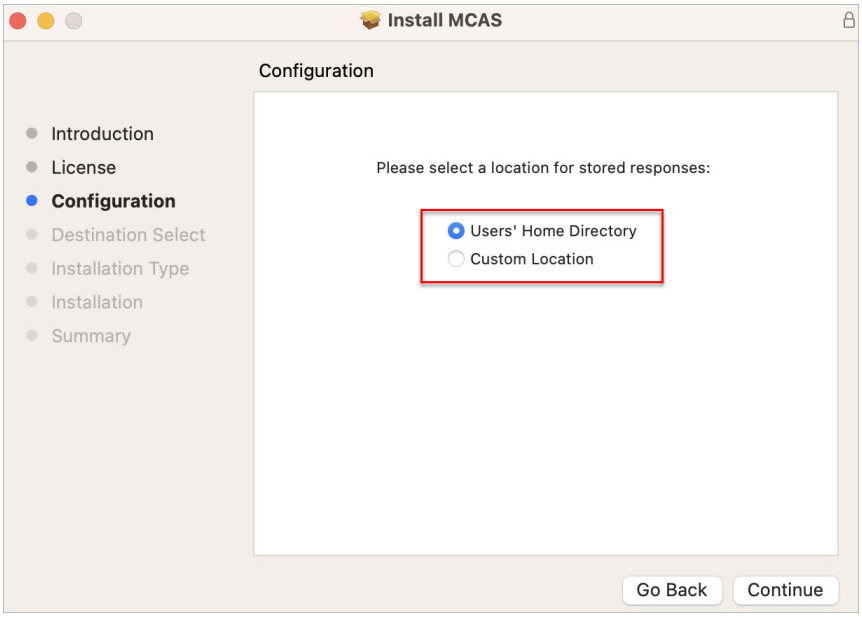
   - **User's Home Directory:**

     During kiosk installation, if you choose the default option to store the stored response files in the user profile, these files will have names similar to the format below:

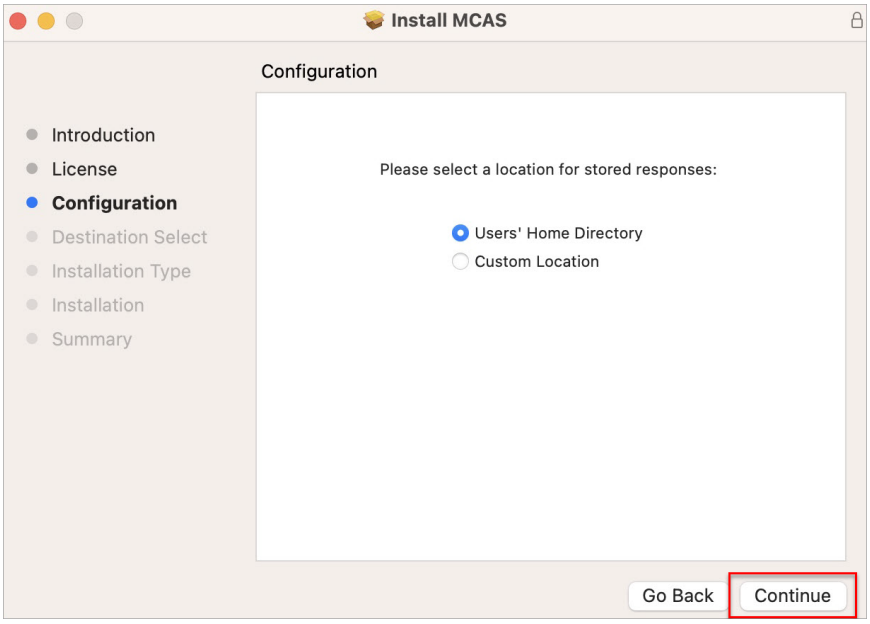
     ~ /Library/Application Support/eMetric/MCAS/Storage/iTesterSync_AD849G-DA56-19F3-73K39823DJS3

   - **Custom location:**
     If you select **Save in the following directory**, you must manually enter the alternate path.

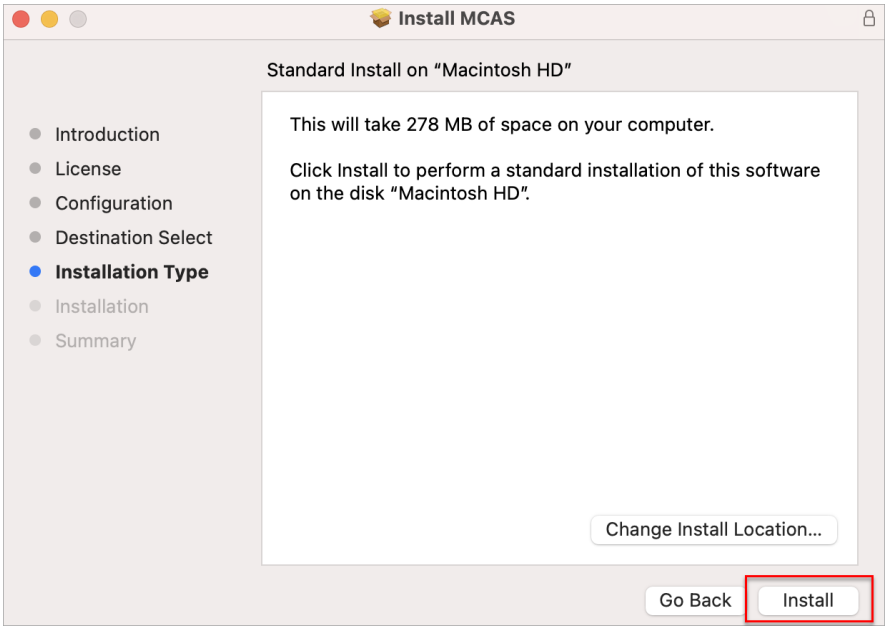
   For more information on selecting a location for stored responses or retrieving stored responses, contact the MCAS Service Center at mcas@cognia.org or 800-737-5103.

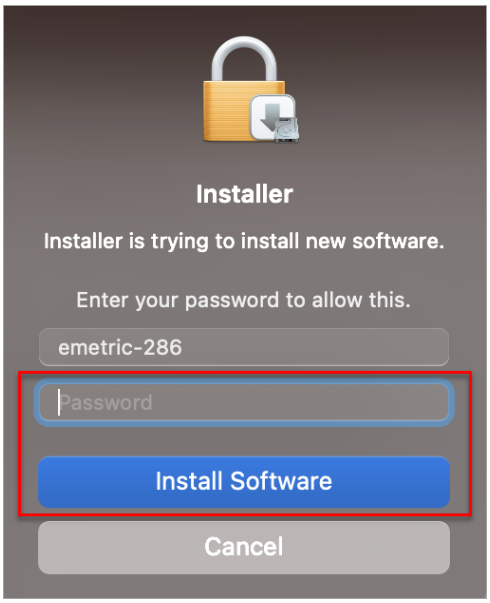


6. Then click **Continue**.

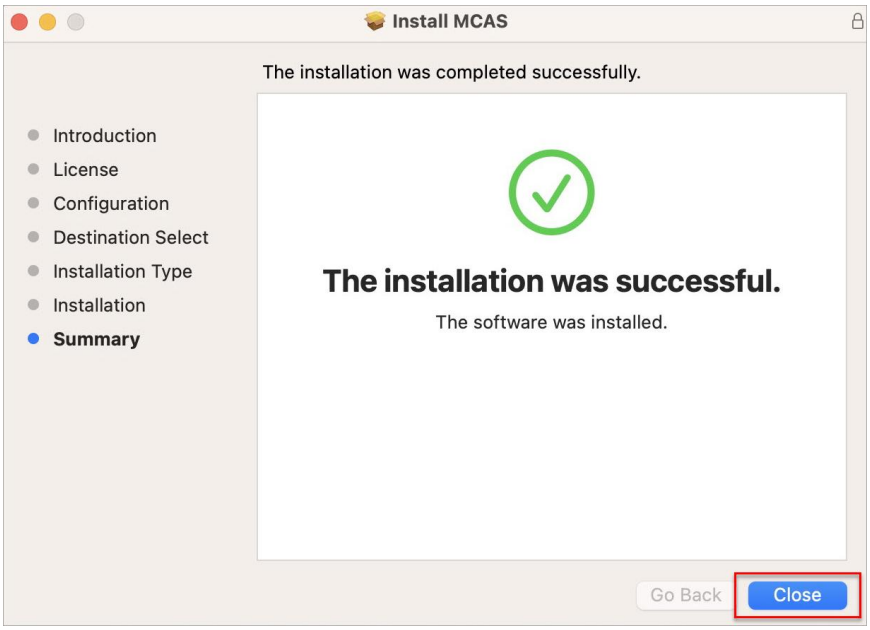


7. Verify installation type and click **Install**. You may be required to enter your admin password.



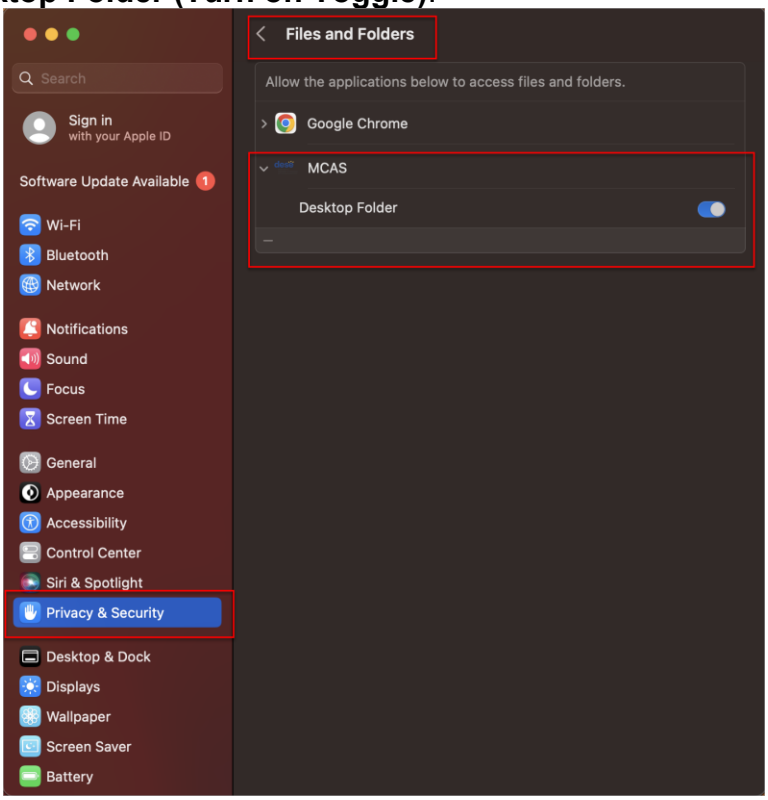


8. When the installation is complete, click **Close**.

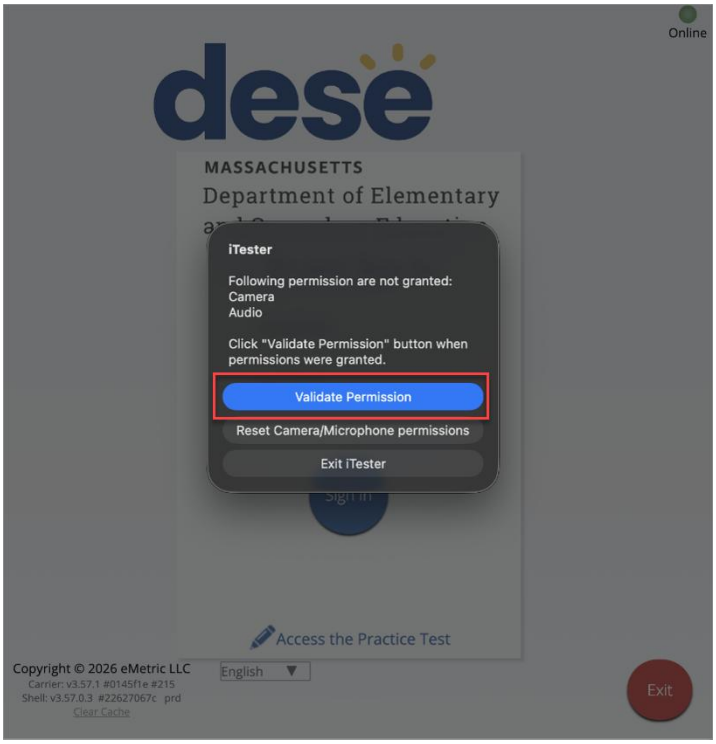


9. For enhanced security measures, grant the testing app access to **Desktop Folder**. To grant access follow the path below:

   Click **System Settings > Privacy and Security > Files and Folder > MCAS > Desktop Folder (Turn on Toggle)**.

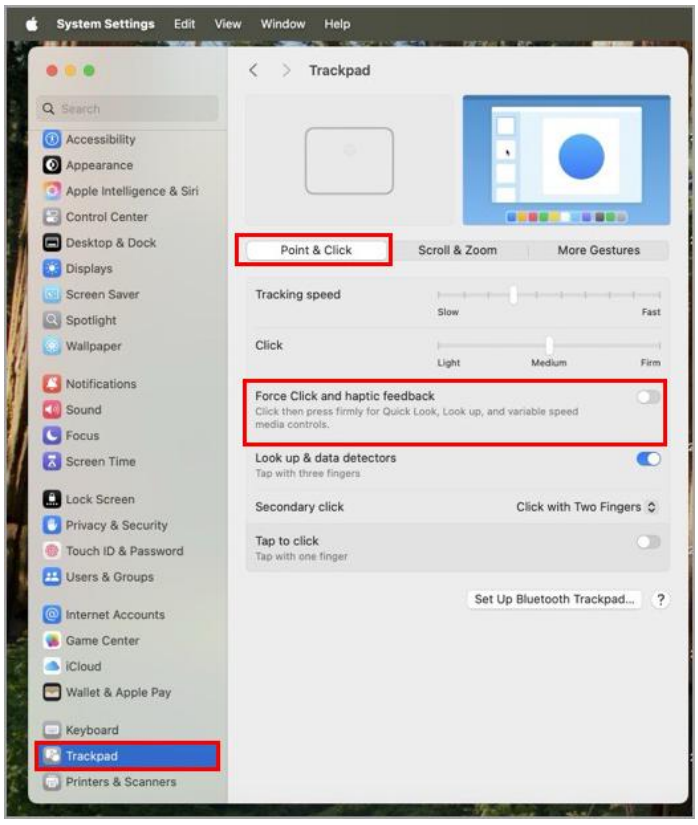


10. After launching the kiosk for the first time, you may be prompted: “Following permission are not granted: Camera, Audio, Desktop Folder” Select **Validate Permission**.



11. Force Click will need to be disabled for MacBooks with Force Touch trackpads. By disabling Force Click, the trackpad will function as normal and will only disable the secondary press features, not disable the trackpad itself. To disable, follow the path below:

    Click **System Settings > Trackpad > Point & Click > Force Click and haptic feedback (Turn off Toggle).**



Note: This setting will only be available if the MacBook has a Force Touch trackpad.

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

Note: Students should avoid using **Command (⌘) + Q** to exit the app. Using this shortcut to exit the app can sometimes trigger an unexpected error. This is a system-wide feature and not specific to our app. Instead, always use the in-app Exit button or logout options provided in the interface.

E. Windows OS

New for the 2026–27 school year, there are two distinct installation options for the Windows kiosk. Both options deliver identical app features, security protocols, and student testing experiences. Schools may choose their installation method depending on their organization's deployment and management preferences.

Installation Options

- **Option 1: iTester Windows App Installation from the Microsoft Store**