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ACCESS: 2026–27 DRC Annual Technology Updates for Screener

On June 25, 2026, DRC released technology updates to the DRC INSIGHT Online Learning System for the 2025–26 WIDA ACCESS administration. Updated documentation is available in *WIDA AMS* → *Documents*.

Key Updates

Accommodations

- **New:** Assistive Technology (AT) - provides students with hearing, cognitive, or physical disabilities the ability to use external assistive technology software such as Smyle Mouse and Tobii PC Eye in the DRC INSIGHT online test platform.
- **New:** Speech-to-Text (STT) - provides students with learning disabilities, fine motor impairments, and processing differences, the ability to use voice recognition to convert speech into written text.

Technology Downloads - System Requirements

In a long-term effort to move all technical documentation to DRC's accessible Knowledge Hub the *Supported System Requirements for WIDA ACCESS Online and WIDA Screener Online* will move from General Information | Documents, to General Information | Technology Downloads in [WIDA AMS](#). The system requirements will continue to be updated three times per year: June, October, and February.

DRC INSIGHT Secure Application - Version 17

- Auto-updates for version 17 of the Secure Application are available for Windows x64, Chromebooks, and iPad devices.
- New ARM infrastructure support
 - ARM infrastructure for **macOS** will be available and will require a new installation of the Secure Application.
 - A new ARM installer for **Windows ARM64** devices will also be available and will require a new installation of the Secure Application.
 - DRC would like to remind you to use the traditional Windows installer for non-ARM devices.
- The Linux installer will include support for Ubuntu 26.04.
- Microsoft has ended all support and security updates for Windows 10, thus, starting with version 17, Windows 10 is no longer supported for DRC INSIGHT.

Installers for the DRC INSIGHT Secure Application can be found in [WIDA AMS](#). Select the **Documents** tile and then select Technology Downloads.

Central Office Services (COS) Service Device - Version 10:

Central Office Services (COS) is an application that allows you to configure and manage your online testing environment from a central location. The complete COS application includes several functional components including the COS Service Device (COS-SD) Software for Content Management and Content Hosting.

In 2026-2027, the COS **may not** auto-update from version 9 to 10 due to a new framework architecture maintenance tool in version 10 which makes it incompatible with the v9 maintenance tool. If the COS does not auto-update, refer to the *Technology User Guide* in [WIDA AMS](#) for instructions on clearing the installer cache.

If you are updating the COS-SD on a MacOS 15 device, you will need to restart the device after the COS-SD updates.

Additionally, 32bit Windows for COS-Service Devices are no longer supported with version 10.

COS-Service Devices are a recommendation and not a requirement. If districts are enabling Test Monitoring to prevent students from testing off the school network, districts can comfortably move away from COS-Service Device use if they have sufficient bandwidth to deliver the assessment.

Content Management

The following administrations will need to be checked and downloaded under Content Management in COS for each active COS Configuration with a COS Service Device.

- EWD569 - WIDA Screener - for the 2026-2027 administration
- EWD372 - Sample Items
- EWD561 - WIDA ACCESS - for the 2026-2027 administration (coming fall of 2026)

Detailed information on how to configure, install, manage, and troubleshoot the COS-SD can be found in the *Technology User Guide* located in [WIDA AMS](#). Select the **Documents** tile.

Network Connectivity

- Ensure all testing devices can reach updated DRC URLs. Ports 80/http and 443/https apply to all URLs.

This information can be found in the System Requirements and Testing Information section of the *Technology User Guide* located in [WIDA AMS](#). Select the **Documents** tile.

Student Online Testing Experience

- **Universal Play Button** - All screens with audio will include a Play button so that students can choose when to play the audio. The Repeat Item Audio (RA) accommodation will remain an accommodation for online and paper testing.
- **Drag/Drop and Hot Spot Items** - These item types will be retired for both ACCESS and Screener content.
- **Content Updates** - Online content has been updated to better align with accessibility standards
- **Microphone Check** - For the Speaking domain, the Microphone Check screen has been updated with audio and visual indicators for students using assistive technologies.
- **Speaking Recording Buttons** - The Speaking domain recording experience has been updated.

Linked Resources

- [Intro to DRC INSIGHT guide](#) for new coordinators.
- [WIDA AMS and DRC Technical Enhancements for 2026-2027](#).
- [Supported System Requirements for WIDA ACCESS and Screener](#).
- [Technology User Guide](#), [COS Online Help](#), and updated Knowledge Articles in [WIDA AMS](#).

CMAS: Spring 2026 CMAS Technology Analytics

To support continuous improvement of the student testing experience, Pearson shares technology analytics and offers district-specific technology performance metrics for CMAS. The purpose of this information is to provide additional insights that can help districts better understand their unique technology environment and, where appropriate, adjust local devices, networks, or configurations.

Because technology performance metrics are not reported in the same way across all state assessment vendors, the availability of these metrics should not be interpreted as an indication that one vendor experiences more or fewer technology-related events than another. Rather, it reflects a difference in technology performance reporting capabilities and operational transparency.

Spring 2026 CMAS Technology Analytics

Technology analytics are shared by Pearson after each administration. Below are the most important insights from 2026:

1. **1,271,454 test units** were administered during the week of **April 6** alone.
2. **Chrome OS** powered **over 81% of testing**—accounting for **1,988,743 tests**.
3. **2% of Colorado testers** used **proctor caching**.
4. The **overall error rate** was **0.56%**, with **4.27 errors per 1,000 logins**.

Actionable Insight: With only 2% of testers using proctor caching, we are ready to move away from it. While students will continue using TestNav, Pearson’s assessment management system, ADAM, will replace PearsonAccess^{next} beginning in 2027, and caching will not be supported.

District-Specific Technology Performance Metrics

Technology performance metrics provide visibility into technical factors such as connectivity, latency, error rates, and other performance indicators that may affect the student testing experience. Districts interested in receiving their spring 2026 CMAS technology performance metrics may find it useful for identifying opportunities to optimize their local technology environment over the summer. Please contact [Collin Bonner](#) if you would like to receive your district's information.

PSAT/SAT: Bluebook Verified Mode

Bluebook™ will work on Chromebooks only if verified mode is enabled. The setting will be required starting in summer 2026. This setting enhances test security. Once you enable it for the organizational unit where Bluebook is installed, any device added later will inherit the setting.

ChromeOS Flex is not supported. Use of **virtual machines, thin clients, or other virtualization technology** is prohibited and could result in disciplinary measures, including score cancellation.

Learn more about [Enabling Verified Mode](#) on the Bluebook website.

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