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#### Dear District Technology Coordinator:

This technology update contains information related to the following topics:

- CMAS/PARCC: TestNav Support Added for Windows 10 and iOS 9
- CMAS/PARCC: TestNav Version 8.4 Release
- CMAS/PARCC: Google Chrome Browser Incompatible with TestNav
- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0: DRC INSIGHT Technology Coordinator Overview Webinar
- ACCESS for ELLs 2.0: DRC INSIGHT Software and User Guide
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# TestNav Support added for Windows 10 and iOS 9

Support for Windows 10 and iOS 9 has been added to the <u>TestNav Requirements</u> page and will be added to version 5.1 of the <u>PARCC Technology Guidelines</u> published the week of October 12, 2015. These Operating Systems will be supported for online testing during the Spring Administrations.

Regarding Windows 10 support, please note:

- The Edge browser on Windows 10 is <u>not supported</u> for online testing.
- The TestNav Desktop App is not supported on Windows touchscreen devices.
  - The recommended solution for Windows touchscreen devices is Internet Explorer 11.
    - Internet Explorer 11 is included with Windows 10; however, it is not visible in the Windows Apps menu. To access Internet Explorer 11, type "Internet Explorer 11" into the search box and the app icon for Internet Explorer 11 will appear. Right-click on the icon and select "Pin to Taskbar" or "Pin to Start" to make Internet Explorer 11 more readily available.

#### **TestNav Version 8.4 Release**

A new version of TestNav 8 (TestNav 8.4) was released on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. At that time, the enhancements contained in the release were made available in the online tutorials, practice tests, sample items, and within the secure practice tests taken through the PearsonAccessnext training site. Schools and districts will not need to take any action to accept this update.

TestNav 8.4 enhancements include:

- New menus for bookmarked and unanswered items on the End of Section screen
- A new color contrast option (light yellow on royal blue)
- The addition of color contrast compatibility to the highlighter tool
- The addition of color contrast compatibility to text-to-speech functionality
- Updated functionality for hot-text and text-extractor interactions

## Google Chrome Browser Incompatible with TestNav

In early September, Google released Chrome browser version 45, which completely disabled the use of the Java NPAPI plug-in. As a result, the Google Chrome browser can no longer be used by students to

access CMAS (including English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies) assessments, tutorials, sample Items, or practice tests, nor can it be used by administrators to precache test content or run the SystemsCheck tool.

An "Error 3098" message will appear if a test is opened using the Chrome browser, and will recommend using a different browser.

CDE Recommends using the installable TestNav App to deliver spring 2015 CMAS content on supported Windows, Mac OSX, and Linux operating systems. Internet browsers are dependent on Java NPAPI plugin to deliver CMAS test content. The installable TestNav App contains required Java resources and reduces the dependency on Java NPAPI plug-in.

Note: Google Chrome browser will continue to be supported on Chromebooks because it is currently the only method of accessing non-secure Practice Tests on Chromebooks. Secure testing on Chromebooks will continue to require the TestNav App.

## ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 DRC INSIGHT Technology Coordinator Overview Webinar

The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 DRC INSIGHT Technology Coordinator Overview webinar recording and power point slides have been posted to the Assessment Unit's Technology Readiness page at the following location: <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/newassess-dtc">http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/newassess-dtc</a>.

#### ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 DRC INSIGHT Software and User Guide

The ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Testing Site Manager (TSM) v7.0.1 and INSIGHT Test Engine v6.0 software is available via the WIDA Assessment Management System (AMS): <a href="https://www.wida-ams.us/default.aspx">https://www.wida-ams.us/default.aspx</a>. Please contact your District Assessment Coordinator to request a WIDA AMS account. Once you have logged in to WIDA AMS go to Test Setup > Technology to access the software.

The DRC INSIGHT Technology User Guide can be accessed in WIDA AMS under General Information > Training Materials. Select "Technology Coordinator" and Show Documents to view the DRC INSIGHT Technology User Guide.

## **ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 DRC INSIGHT Technology Support**

New categories have been added to the ACCESS for ELLs Community of Practice for Colorado Site Readiness for Online Assessment Google group to accommodate DRC INSIGHT technology and the DLM technology topics. Visit <a href="the Google Group">the Google Group</a> to join.

If you would like to request a site visit to discuss DRC INSIGHT Technology, please call me or send me an email including any specific site concerns you would like us to address. CDE and DRC will work with you to ensure that you get the support you need before the ACCESS for ELLs test window opens on January 11.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Collin