

Attachment B Online Testing and Training System Requirements

A new version of the TestNav test delivery software will be used for TAKS, TELPAS, and EOC online tests offered in the 2008–2009 school year. In order to administer the online state assessments, districts will need to download and install the new version of TestNav, available **AFTER** November 7, 2008 from <http://www.etesttx.com> under “Test Delivery.”

Resources for Online Testing and Training

Many online testing tools and resources can be viewed, downloaded, and printed from the Texas Assessments’ Resources page located at <http://www.etesttx.com/resources>. Among them are the following important resources:

- The online system requirements at <http://etesttx.com/systemrequirements> detail the minimum system requirements necessary for using all online testing and training environments for the Texas assessment program, including online TAKS, TAKS-Alt, EOC, and TELPAS. Windows 98 and Mac OS versions lower than 10.3 are no longer supported operating systems for online testing.
- Training materials and student tutorials for TAKS exit level, TELPAS reading, and EOC online tests are available from the “Training and Tutorials” section of the *Resources* page. For a good starting point, administrators may take the *Texas Online Testing Training Course*, a self-paced tour of the Texas online testing program. Technology staff may take the *Best Practices for Deployment of Online Testing Training Course*, a self-paced tour regarding technology configurations and setup for online testing.
- The *Online Infrastructure Assessment User’s Guide* will help staff evaluate a school’s technology infrastructure. Select the links from the section titled “Test Delivery Software and Resources.”
- Practice tutorials and preview tests specifically designed for students taking the TELPAS reading test are available. These tests provide English language learners an opportunity to become familiar with the online testing environment and practice taking online tests using released tests from the 2006 Reading Proficiency Tests in English (RPTE) administration.

Additionally, there will be several opportunities during the 2008–2009 school year for students and staff to learn more about online testing. Training information on upcoming teleconferences and web-based events will be communicated via broadcast e-mails prior to the training events.