

Skill Connect Assessment Hardware & Software Requirements

Ensure the hardware & software is “test ready” prior to test day. Videos, pictures & target questions may not work properly if your hardware/software does not meet the requirements listed below:

- Operating system
 - PC: Windows XP, Vista, Win 7
 - Macintosh: Mac OS X (Tiger, Leopard and Snow Leopard)
- Internet Browser
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer (**Version 8 required**)
 - Questions that require moving a target will not work properly if running versions higher or lower than V8. If running versions higher try clicking the compatibility icon before converting to V8. Versions lower than V8 will need to upgrade.
 - Mozilla Firefox (Supported up to version 3)
 - Apple Safari
- Broadband Internet access (DSL/Cable/T1)
- 1 GHz processor
- 512 MB RAM
- Flash (**version 9 or higher**)
- Sound card (or onboard sound)
- Video card (or onboard video) capable of a minimum of 800x600 resolution with 24-bit color. (For optimum display, we recommend a Video card capable of 1024x768 resolution with 32 bit color, and that the system be configured to these settings.)

- Text-to-speech (TTS) narration is available for students with IEP’s. TTS should be configured ahead of time on the computers of the students who need it. TTS is properly installed if a speaker icon appears before the text in the assessments. Refer to the document “[Skill Connect Assessment Getting Started guide](#)” page #10 for details.

- Assessments Audio-Radio Production, Television Video Production & Computer Maintenance require sound. Please ensure a sound card is installed. (Text-to-Speech is not required for these assessments unless the student needs narration under an IEP.)

To verify if the assessment is working properly and to verify if Text-to-Speech is working follow the instructions at <http://www.workforcereadysystem.org/demo.shtml> and take a 10 question demo. Please be sure to test all four types of questions; dragging targets, videos, drag & drop, multiple choice questions with graphics. The Television Video Production demo includes all four types of questions and sound.

Refer to the “[Skill Connect Assessment Getting Started Guide](#)” at: http://www.workforcereadysystem.org/technical_support.shtml starting on page # 3 for additional information on computer requirements and for troubleshooting tips.