Florida Department of Education
2013-2014 FCAT 2.0 and EOC
Computer-Based Testing System Minimum Specifications

General Specifications (Windows/PC and Apple/Macintosh)

Each computer must meet or exceed the following General Specifications <u>in addition to</u> the applicable Operating System Specifications below:

- 500 MB available disk space
- 1024 x 768 screen resolution
- Keyboard and mouse (or other pointing device)
- High-speed internet connection

Operating System Specifications

	Windows XP (Service Pack 3)	Windows Vista (Service Pack 1)	Windows 7
Windows/PC	• Pentium III 733 MHz processor • 512 MB RAM	• Pentium III 1 GHz processor • 1 GB RAM	• Pentium III 1 GHz processor • 1 GB RAM
	Windows 8 (TestNav Only) • Pentium III 1 GHz processor • 1 GB RAM		
	Mac OS X 10.4	**Mac OS X 10.5**	**Mac OS X 10.6**
Apple/Macintosh	• G3, G4, G5 500 MHz processor • 512 MB RAM	• Intel, G4, G5 867 MHz processor • 512 MB RAM	• Intel processor • 1 GB RAM
	Mac OS X 10.7 • Intel processor • 1 GB RAM	**Mac OS X 10.8** • Intel Core 2 Duo processor • 2 GB RAM	

Additional Specifications for TestHear (Accommodated Forms)

- The TestHear software is not currently compatible with Windows 8. A new version of the software is anticipated to be released in spring 2014 to provide compatibility with Windows 8 as well as other functionality updates.
- TestHear will operate on Windows PC workstations and on Macintosh workstations that have Mac OS X 10.5 or later installed and are running Windows (e.g., via Boot Camp). TestHear will not work on Mac OS X 10.4 or on Macs that cannot also run Windows.
- For students requiring the screen reader, the computer must be equipped with an audio card and headphones.

- In addition to ensuring that workstations meet the minimum specifications, it is strongly recommended that you run an ePAT on any new workstations to ensure that the display size is appropriate for testing.
- For an optimal student experience, any computer that takes a noticeably long period of time (e.g., more than 10 seconds) to start and run applications, even computers which meet the requirements above, **should not** be used for high-stakes computer-based testing, if possible.
- The testing platform does not permit access to other applications during testing. This means that **any applications that may automatically launch during testing will interrupt the student's testing session**, logging the student out of the test. Applications such as antivirus updates, power management software (laptops), screen savers, and email with automatic message notifications should be configured so they do not launch during test sessions
- Even though the specifications state that each computer must have a mouse, touchpads are permitted for students who are comfortable using them.

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