



Connecticut State Department of Education Guidance for Bring Your Own Device and Online Assessments (Smarter Balanced, CMT/CAPT Science and the Connecticut Alternate Assessment)

Districts that have adopted a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Acceptable Use policy with established guidelines *may* choose to allow students to use devices for *state summative online assessments*. The Connecticut State Department of Education recommends that districts have such a policy and accompanying operational procedures/support resources in place prior to allowing students to test on state summative assessments using their own devices. Such districts should also ensure approval from parents/guardians that student security settings on such a device need to be activated and up-to-date to prevent issues with the school network, and that students will agree not to attempt to tamper with the code of any Secure Browser, or to otherwise attempt to circumvent test security settings. In addition, the minimum requirements needed for testing **must** be adhered to before allowing students to test using their own devices. These requirements can be found on at:

http://ct.portal.airast.org/wp-content/uploads/System_Requirements_2016-2017.pdf.

These additional steps are also recommended:

1. Develop a timeline to ensure that an authorized district information technology person has time to install, configure, and verify the Secure Browser software;
2. The Secure Browser operation on the student device will **not** be used for the first time on the operational summative test, but will instead be tested through a proctored training/practice or interim assessment to ensure readiness for operational testing; and
3. The same appropriate and adult supervision, as is provided to students using district devices, will be provided to students who use their own devices during the operational test. This also may require additional training for staff to troubleshoot various types of computing devices.