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## Pilot Test Information

Smarter Balanced has launched a [Pilot Test page](#) on the Smarter Balanced Web site, a useful resource for anyone interested in information about the Smarter Balanced Pilot Test. It contains background information about how Pilot Test items were developed, the Pilot Test sample design, school participation information, and links to test administration resources and FAQs.

Please refer to the [Technology Strategy Framework and System Requirements Specifications](#) that provides IT guidelines for the Pilot Test. Please note that tablets may be used for the Pilot Test.

Contact Gail Pagano, Smarter Balanced State Lead, at 860-713-6821 or by e-mail at [Gail.Pagano@ct.gov](mailto:Gail.Pagano@ct.gov) if you need additional information, or have questions about the Pilot Test.

## Technology Readiness Information

As of January 14, Smarter Balanced has included the minimum and recommended technology requirements in the Technology Readiness Tool. Technology Readiness Tool users can now access gap reports under the “Results & Indicators” tab. *Please note that any “required” device data that was not provided in the data collection at a school will be reported as not meeting minimum requirements.* Missing data can be uploaded so that reports are accurate.



Additionally, enhancements have been made to the Technology Readiness Tool. The following list is a high-level overview of the changes.

**Homepage Updates:** The content of the homepage will remain the same, but the resources and notifications sections have been moved to call-out boxes on the right side of the page to ensure ease of access.

**Setup Menu and Navigational Updates:** For convenience, the links to the Devices Management, School Readiness Survey, and Mark Data Entry Complete pages are accessible directly from the Setup tab menu. This will help users find the pages needed to complete all three readiness data entry steps.

**Updates to the Devices Layout:** To accommodate the Consortia minimum and recommended requirements, the items available for selection for the Operating System and Memory Fields have been revised. No columns on the file layout or template have been added or removed.

If you have questions, please contact Abe Krisst, Smarter Balanced Technology Readiness Coordinator for Connecticut, at 860-713-6894 or via e-mail at [abe.krisst@ct.gov](mailto:abe.krisst@ct.gov).

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