

Ready for Kindergarten: Early Childhood Comprehensive Assessment System

Technology Guidelines for the Early Learning Assessment (ELA)

There are two main technical components of the Early Learning Assessment: the Ready for Kindergarten Online system and the ELA Application (multiple versions available for various devices).

As a teacher or provider, you will log into the Ready for Kindergarten Online system first to complete the required ELA training. Then, you will use the ELA Application to collect student ratings and artifacts throughout the administration window. Once you have collected all data, then you can log into the Ready for Kindergarten Online system at the end to view and print student reports.

Ready for Kindergarten Online

This system handles ELA reporting and professional development.

What browser can I use with the Ready for Kindergarten Online?

- Chrome (all current versions supported)
- Firefox 20+
- Internet Explorer 9+
- Safari 6.1+

It is recommended that you use the most up-to-date version available to ensure that everything on the site works smoothly.

What devices can I use?

- Desktop/laptop computers- The Ready for Kindergarten Online is a browser-based system. The main delivery platform is desktop/laptop computers, PC Windows or Mac OSX. *The version of the OS is less important than the version of the browser as described above.*
- iPad and Android tablet devices- The Ready for Kindergarten Online system will be functional on recent generations of iPad and Android tablet devices. Depending on the device, and the size and resolution of its screen, there may be layout variations.
- Smart Phones- The Ready for Kindergarten will not be optimized or supported for phones; however, it may be functional via the phone's browser.
- Hardware specs are determined by the browser being used. The Ready for Kindergarten is *not* highly memory or graphics intensive and should work on any device running a supported browser (generally any computer purchased within 5 - 7 years with updated browsers).

What are the technology requirements for the professional development simulation exercise?

Within the Ready for Kindergarten Online system for ELA training for new trainers and teachers, there is a one-time simulation exercise that should take approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete. The only browsers that can be used for this specific activity are:

- Chrome (all current versions supported with the exception of Chromebooks)
- Firefox 20+
- Safari 6.1+

What do I need to view videos in the simulation?

Videos in the simulation stream from Vimeo. If you use a browser that is supported by the Ready for Kindergarten Online, you should be able to view the videos. Depending on the browser, you may need the most current version of the Adobe Flash player. Please view Vimeo's troubleshooting guide if you have any difficulties: <https://vimeo.com/help/faq/watching-videos/playback-issues>

What do I need to view content presentations in the Ready for Kindergarten Online?

In the professional development modules, there are presentations shared in PowerPoint as well as in an interactive format that plays with audio. These interactive presentations require the latest version of [Adobe Reader](#) and [Adobe Flash player](#).

ELA Application

This is the application to enter the student ratings and comments/evidence for the Early Learning Assessment.

What devices can I use?

There are three versions of the ELA app: a desktop version, an iOS version, and an Android version. All versions need to be downloaded and installed prior to using.

The desktop version can be used on a PC or Mac. To download and install the desktop version, go to <http://maryland.kready.org> or <http://ohio.kready.org>.

To download and install the iOS version, go to the Apple App Store – <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ready-for-kindergarten-early/id1029605620?mt=8>

To download and install the Android version, go to the Google Play Store - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jhu.edu.cte.ela>

If you are using a Chromebook, the Android version of the app should be downloaded and installed. Google has rolled out an upgrade for the Chromebooks that allows the stable version of its operating system to offer access to the Google Play Store. With this new stable version of

the Chrome OS, Android apps will now run on Chromebooks easily. The update can currently be applied only to the two newer Chromebooks: the Asus Chromebook Flip and Chromebook R11. In addition, your Chromebook must run Chrome OS version 53 and up.

Here is a support page explaining how to install Android apps on your Chromebook:

<https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/7021273?hl=en>

Windows

- 2.33GHz or faster x86-compatible processor, or Intel Atom™ 1.6GHz or faster processor for netbook class devices
- Microsoft® Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, or Windows 8 Classic
- 512MB of RAM (1GB recommended)
- Supports Microsoft® Windows 7 and above, 64-bit only

Mac OS

- Intel® Core™ Duo 1.83GHz or faster processor
- Mac OS X v10.7, and above
- 512MB of RAM (1GB recommended)
- Supports Mac OS 10.7 and above, 64bit only

iOS

- iPad 2+ supported
- iOS 6.1+
- iPad Mini (all with and without Retina displays) supported
- iPhones and iPod Touch devices are NOT supported

Android

- ARMv7/x86 processor with vector FPU, minimum 550MHz, OpenGL ES 2.0, H.264 and AAC HW decoders
- Android™ 2.3+
- 256MB of RAM