

**\*DTC\* - CMAS and ACCESS Technology Update**  
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### CMAS: TestNav Chromebook Support Update for 2025–26 CMAS Administration

#### What's Changing?

Google is phasing out support for legacy Chrome Apps. In response, TestNav will release a new Web App for ChromeOS in late June 2025 and retire the legacy Chrome App.

#### Why This Matters

The move to a Progressive Web App (PWA) simplifies support across devices. Starting July 2025, the TestNav Web App (v8.25) will be required for all Chromebook testing.

#### What You Need to Do This Summer

1. Uninstall the legacy TestNav Chrome App.
2. Install the new TestNav Web App via the Google Admin Console:

#### Steps:

3. Sign in to your Google Admin Console.
4. Go to Devices > Chrome > Apps & extensions.
5. Click the Kiosks tab.
6. Select the organizational unit you want to apply the app to (use the top-level OU for all users).
7. Click the yellow + button, then choose Add by URL.
8. Enter: <https://home.testnav.com/> and click Save.
9. When prompted, allow permissions for the app by selecting Agree.

**Reminder:** This Web App is not available in the Chrome Web Store—it must be installed by URL.

### CMAS: 2025 Spring Administration Analytics – Key Takeaways from Pearson

Pearson has released [Administration Analytics](#) from the 2025 CMAS spring testing window. Below are the most important insights:

1. **1,262,941 test units** were administered during the week of **April 14** alone.
2. **Chrome OS dominated**, powering **over 80% of testing devices**—accounting for **1,866,014 test units**.

3. **53% of Colorado testers** used **Proctor Caching**.
4. **Over 374,000 testers** experienced a **20–30 second delay** at login due to **misconfigured local cache**, preventing them from connecting at the start of the test.

**Actionable Insight:**

District tech teams should double-check local cache configurations ahead of future test windows to reduce login delays and improve the student experience.

**Want Your District's Data?**

District Technology Coordinators who wish to view **proctor caching data** specific to their district from the 2025 CMAS administration should contact [Collin Bonner](#) to request access.

## **CMAS: Legislative Update - Paper CMAS Available as Accommodation Only Starting in 2026**

**What's Happening?**

Governor Polis signed **HB 25-1278** into law on **May 23, 2025**. This legislation is based on 30 recommendations from the **1241 Task Force** and makes significant updates to Colorado's **Education Accountability System**.

**Key Areas Addressed:**

- State assessments
- Performance framework updates
- Public reporting
- Data availability
- Continuous improvement and the accountability clock
- Topics for future study

**What You Need to Know:**

Starting in **spring 2026**, schools **will no longer be able to select paper-based CMAS testing** at the school or district level. The **paper-pencil format** will only be allowed as an **accommodation** for students with a documented need in their **IEP or 504 plan**.

**Action Required:**

Please share information about this change with **all schools in your district**, including **charter schools**, that currently administer paper assessments of this change.

**Need Support?**

The **CDE Assessment Division** offers:

- Technology support
- [Site visits](#)
- Consultation on administration best practices

For questions, contact:

- **Technology (CMAS):** [Collin Bonner](#)
- **Administration (CMAS):** [Sara Loerzel](#)

A high-level summary of HB 25-1278, including assessment-related changes, is available in this [fact sheet](#).

### **ACCESS: Upcoming DRC INSIGHT Updates – Action Required by July 31, 2025**

DRC will release its annual technology updates for WIDA ACCESS and WIDA Screener Online on the evening of **June 26, 2025**. Please be aware of the following important changes:

#### **1. DRC INSIGHT for Windows:**

Starting **June 27**, technology coordinators may re-enable **automatic updates** for the DRC INSIGHT Windows application. This change allows any user to update the application when prompted. If no action is taken, only users with **Admin rights** will be able to apply updates.

#### **2. DRC INSIGHT for Chromebooks – Now a PWA:**

Also on **June 27**, the Chromebook version of DRC INSIGHT will be released as a **Progressive Web Application (PWA)**. Technology coordinators must:

- **Uninstall** the current Secure App (version 15) from all Chrome devices.
- **Install** the new PWA version of DRC INSIGHT.

These steps must be completed by **July 31, 2025**, to prevent disruptions during testing. If you missed it, more details were shared in the [May 20 WIDA AMS and DRC Technical Enhancements for 2025-2026 assessment webinar](#). Recordings are available on the [Webinars](#) page in the **WIDA Secure Portal**.

Full installation and configuration instructions will be available in the updated **DRC INSIGHT Technology User Guide** on **June 27** in WIDA AMS.

For questions, please contact:

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