

## NYSAA Technology Readiness Checklist

*This document should be shared with the person(s) responsible for ensuring that the technology related to computer-based testing is working properly for NYSAA test administration.*

### DLM's KITE Suite

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Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, the ELA and mathematics sections of the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) will be assessed using an online testing interface, called the KITE Suite, developed by Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM). Administration of the NYSAA ELA and mathematics tests are scheduled for March 21, 2016 to June 3, 2016. [Click here](#) for the memo from NYSED regarding changes to NYSAA.

Components of the [KITE Suite](#) include

- KITE Client, an application students use to take tests
- KITE Educator Portal, a web-based application that allows educators to manage student data, enroll students in instructionally embedded assessments, retrieve test tickets, and access professional development and training modules

### Helpful Links

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- **KITE™ and Educator Portal:** <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/content/kite>  
*Links to KITE requirements, bandwidth requirements, KITE client configuration and downloads*
- **New York Specific Resources for Technical Liaisons:**  
[http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newyork?field\\_positions\\_value=Technical](http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newyork?field_positions_value=Technical)  
*Link to Technical Liaison Manual, which provides in-depth information on topics such as network set-up, technical requirements, and troubleshooting.*
- **Technical Liaison Training Webinar:** <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/content/district-staff-training-resources-ny>. *This webinar was recorded on February 5, 2016.*

### Network Preparation for Test Administration

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- The KITE test engine utilizes a CDN for content distribution. All testing content will come from [\\*.cete.us](#). The IP range is listed below. [Click here](#) for more information.
 

103.21.244.0/22	103.22.200.0/22	103.31.4.0/22	104.16.0.0/12	108.162.192.0/18
129.237.18.64/27	141.101.64.0/18	162.158.0.0/15	173.245.48.0/20	188.114.96.0/20
190.93.240.0/20	197.234.240.0/22	198.41.128.0/17	199.27.128.0/21	66.206.205.32/27
- Internet firewalls, content filters, or spam filters must be configured to allow pass through to [\\*.cete.us](#). In addition, consider allowing the following files access through the firewall:
  - kiteclientae.exe
  - kiteclient.exe
  - tde.exe
- Consider whitelisting or setting spam-filter control of email system to allow messages from "@ku.edu" accounts.
- Allow staff the capability to retrieve videos from YouTube or Dropbox.
- In extremely rare situations, a Local Caching option may be needed. [Click here](#) for more information on setting up a Local Caching Server.

## Installing the KITE Client

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- Verify that devices meet the requirements. <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/requirements>.

### For Windows and Mac OSX Devices:

- Download KITE Client and Instruction Manuals at <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/content/kite>.
- Install KITE Client.
- Adjust System Preferences in OSX.

### For iPads & Chromebooks:

- Download & Install KITE client app from applicable app store.
- Enable Guided Access in iOS.

## Testing the System

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DLM has prepared two practice activities and many released testlets to support educators and students preparing for testing. The practice activities are designed to familiarize users with the way testlets look in the KITE system. One is for teachers and the other is for students.

- The released testlets are similar to the real DLM testlets in content and format.
- Practice activities and released testlets are accessed through KITE in the practice section. Using login information provided in this guide, both types of activities can be completed as many times as desired.

See [http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/guide\\_to\\_practice\\_and\\_released\\_ye\\_0.pdf](http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/guide_to_practice_and_released_ye_0.pdf)

- Support educators in checking the compatibility of testing devices and accessibility supports.
- Use practice activities and released testlets to test functionality of system.

## Questions?

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Contact the DLM Help Desk, open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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