



Memo to Maine District Assessment Coordinators and Technology Coordinators: Upcoming Transition to TestNav Lockdown Browser

Beginning in Spring 2026, the Maine Science Assessment will transition from the ADAM lockdown browser as a standalone app to accessing ADAM via the TestNav secure browser. This change is designed to strengthen security while keeping the testing experience familiar to students and proctors.

Why this change is being made

- **Enhanced security and control:** The ADAM lockdown browser relies on a third-party application. By moving to TestNav, your testing environment is fully managed under Pearson's technology and security family, reducing risk and ensuring consistent support. Pearson will have strong oversight and risk monitoring, and mitigation through behind-the-scenes dashboards. This will allow for enhanced support to schools and School Administrative Units, including proactive support even before an issue has been reported.

What this means for School Administrative Units

- **Minimal change for users:** For technology coordinators, the primary action required will be to remove the ADAM browser and [install the TestNav app](#) on devices used for secure testing. Pearson will work closely with the Maine Department of Education to provide documentation and support for deployment of the app to devices. **Students will not notice any meaningful differences** in how the tests look or function, and proctoring procedures will remain the same. In addition, [practice tests](#) will remain accessible online without the secure app, allowing students to continue preparing as they do today.
- **Simple and flexible deployment:** TestNav supports all major operating systems, including macOS, iPadOS, ChromeOS, and Windows, and updates are carefully timed twice a year during low testing periods. Critical security enhancements are applied overnight or on weekends to minimize disruption.

What's next

Additional details will be shared soon, including timelines, setup instructions, and support materials. In the meantime, if you need assistance with installation or deployment, please contact the Maine Science Support Desk at 855-544-0842 or use the online self-service portal at: <https://mescience.zendesk.com>

Thank you for your continued support of Maine students and for your partnership as we implement this update. We appreciate your collaboration as we work together to enhance the security and reliability of the statewide testing environment.