Equip students to show what they know

How to reduce technology risks across the assessment process

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Assessments have changed. The technology stakes have, too.

Today's digital assessments can:

- **Adjust questions based on a student's earlier responses through adaptive testing.[1]**
- **Evaluate certain written responses using automated scoring.**
- **Capture and process spoken answers through a student's microphone.[2]**

These formats can provide a more complete picture of student learning, but they also make device reliability essential. Every keyboard, mouse, stylus, and headset must work together consistently so each student response is captured accurately.

From testing accessory to assessment infrastructure

A headset, keyboard, or mouse directly affects how students hear, navigate, and respond.

THAT CREATES THREE PRIORITIES FOR SCHOOL IT LEADERS:



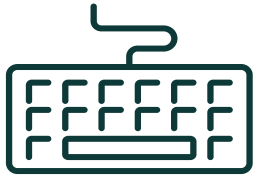
Capture responses clearly

Students need devices that allow their answers to reach the assessment platform accurately and consistently.



Minimize distractions

Well-designed technology can reduce background noise, fit comfortably, and work reliably, helping students stay focused on demonstrating what they know.



Standardize for reliability at scale

Consistent device setups simplify testing preparation, reduce compatibility questions, and make districtwide deployment easier to manage.

The right technology setup creates a reliable testing experience where students can perform at their best.

When audio becomes assessment data

Automated speaking assessments use speech-recognition and analysis technologies to process spoken responses, so clear and reliable audio capture is essential.[3] Background conversations, inconsistent volume, or incomplete audio can prevent a recording from capturing what a student said, translating to an unreliable assessment.

Students need to hear prompts clearly, and microphones need to capture voices with minimal interference. Headsets should also stay comfortable and stable enough that students don't have to constantly adjust them during the test.



Distracting noise accounted for

10 points

of difference on students' scores on a math test.[4]

Solutions for clear audio



Zone Learn Headset

Durable wired headset designed for K–12 learners

- Audio drivers tuned for vocal clarity help students hear spoken prompts clearly
- Rigid boom microphone with a noise-suppression filter supports clearer voice pickup
- Replaceable cables and ear pads extend product life and simplify common repairs
- Durable design withstands repeated drops, cleaning, bending, twisting, and pulling



H111 Headset

Simple stereo headset with a 3.5 mm connection

- Rotating noise-reducing microphone can be positioned for clearer voice capture
- Standard 3.5 mm connection works across many computers and tablets
- Adjustable, lightweight design supports a range of student users
- Plug-and-play compatibility simplifies large-scale testing setup



H390 Headset

USB headset with enhanced digital audio

- Noise-reducing microphone helps minimize unwanted background sound
- Plug-and-play USB connection provides a simple wired setup
- Inline controls allow students to adjust volume without leaving the assessment
- Adjustable headband and swivel-mounted ear cushions support longer sessions

Reduce the friction around every response

Testing requires sustained concentration, and mental fatigue can affect student performance. That's why a seamless technology experience helps avoid adding unnecessary mental effort to an already demanding task. A student who must reconnect a mouse, repeat a spoken response, press an unresponsive key, or ask for help to connect to their device has to shift attention away from the assessment.



ASK YOURSELF

- ☑ Could pairing, charging, or battery life introduce unnecessary testing-day risk?
- ☑ Are input devices appropriately sized and easy for students to use?
- ☑ Can staff replace a failed device without disrupting the room?
- ☑ Do students use the same devices during instruction and assessment?

Solutions for dependable input



MK120

Wired keyboard and mouse combination for consistent input

- Wired USB connections remove pairing and battery-management requirements
- Plug-and-play setup requires no additional software
- Full-size keyboard provides a familiar layout for extended written responses
- Spill-resistant design and durable keys support repeated student use
- Optical mouse provides smooth, consistent cursor control



Rugged Combo Touch Keyboard Case

Protective keyboard case with a built-in trackpad, built for student iPad deployments

- High-precision trackpad* with Multi-Touch gestures
- Sealed, pry-resistant keys prevent a common source of classroom damage
- Military-grade drop protection up to 6.6 feet
- Smart Connector powers and pairs in one click, with no charging or Bluetooth*
- Adjustable kickstand for typing, sketching, viewing and reading



M325S Wireless Mouse

Compact wireless mouse for precise navigation

- Compact wireless mouse for precise navigation
- Optical tracking and line-by-line scrolling give students greater control than a touchpad
- Compact, ambidextrous shape works for a range of students
- Plug-and-play USB receiver supports a simple setup
- On/off switch and automatic sleep mode provide up to 18 months of battery life
- Portable design works well with laptops, carts, and temporary testing stations

*Product features and compatibility vary by Rugged Combo model and iPad generation.

Over 70%

of state testing agencies in the US highly recommend or require external keyboards for assessments on iPad devices.[5]

Build consistency into testing day

Assessment readiness should not depend on whether a school has enough working peripherals in a storage cabinet. When classrooms use different combinations of headsets, keyboards, adapters, and mice, IT teams have more variables to inspect—and more potential points of failure.

Standardization creates a more predictable environment. It allows districts to confirm compatibility in advance, maintain a consistent pool of replacement devices, and give staff clear setup instructions.

It can also make the experience more familiar for students. When learners use the same dependable devices during everyday instruction and formative assessments that they will use for higher-stakes assessments, they are less likely to be distracted on testing day.

The best testing-day technology plan begins long before the testing window opens.



Before testing
Confirm platform compatibility, connections, audio capture, battery levels, available ports, and replacement inventory.



During testing
Keep clearly labeled replacement peripherals available so educators can resolve problems quickly.



After testing
Document failures, replace worn components, and use support data to inform future purchasing.



Plan beyond a single testing window

The same technology students rely on during assessments can support teaching and learning all year, from language practice and recorded assignments to writing and research.

Durable, repairable devices hold up across multiple testing cycles, helping districts control replacement costs, reduce IT workload, and limit electronic waste. When evaluating options, look for strong warranty coverage, replaceable parts, and easy cleaning.

Prepare for the way students are assessed now

As assessments become more adaptive and automated, districts need to consider the full path from a student's learning experience to the resulting score. That means looking beyond the assessment platform to every device students rely on to respond, including headsets, keyboards, and mice.

Logitech is built for education

- Plug-and-play solutions simplify deployment across classrooms and testing environments
- Wired and long-battery-life options reduce avoidable connection and power issues
- Durable, cleanable designs withstand daily student use
- Replaceable components can extend product life and reduce waste
- A broad portfolio supports consistent setups across devices, grades, and use cases



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