

Operating System Support Plan for Test Delivery System 2022–2023

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Introduction

A supported operating system is one for which Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI) provides updates to the Secure Browser for that operating system. CAI actively tests the Secure Browser with supported operating systems to ensure compatibility and provides Secure Browser updates as needed when the supported operating systems are updated or as bugs in the Secure Browser are detected and fixed.

This document describes CAI's plan for supporting operating systems during the upcoming test administration and following years. This plan helps districts and schools manage operating system deployments based on the support timelines.

Support Plan for Operating Systems

[Table 1](#) lists the operating systems and the anticipated end-of-support dates. The shaded cells in [Table 1](#) indicate the following:

- **Yellow shading & underlining**—CAI ends support for operating systems after the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Gray shading & italics**—CAI ends support for operating systems after the 2023–2024 school year.

Table 1. Supported Operating Systems

Minimum Supported Operating System	Release Date	Anticipated End-of-Support Date	Notes
Windows^a			
<u>8.1</u>	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>End of 2022-2023 School Year</u>	CAI's support for each Windows operating system ends ten school years after its release date. For the most part, this coincides with Microsoft's official end-of-life policies for its operating systems.
10, 10 in S mode 21H2	July 2015; rolling	End of 2025-2026 School Year	
11 21H2	Oct. 2021; rolling	End of 2030-2031 School Year	
<u>Server 2012 R2</u>	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	<u>End of 2022-2023 School Year</u>	
Server 2016 R2	Oct. 2016	End of 2025-2026 School Year	
macOS^a			
<u>10.15</u>	<u>Oct. 2019</u>	<u>End of 2022-2023 School Year</u>	As long as Apple continues to release new versions of macOS annually, CAI will support four active versions.
<i>11.6</i>	<i>Nov. 2020</i>	<i>End of 2023-2024 School Year</i>	
12.4	Oct. 2021	End of 2024-2025 School Year	

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13 ^b	Expected fall 2022	End of 2025-2026 School Year	
Linux^c			
<u>Fedora 34 LTS (Gnome)</u>	<u>April 2021</u>	<u>End of 2022-2023 School Year</u>	Official Fedora support typically ends one to two years after a release.
<u>Fedora 35 LTS (Gnome)</u>	<u>Nov. 2021</u>	<u>End of 2022-2023 School Year</u>	
<u>Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (Gnome)</u>	<u>April 2018</u>	<u>End of 2022-2023 School Year</u>	Ubuntu typically supports long term support (LTS) distributions for five years after a release.
<i>Ubuntu 20.04 LTS (Gnome)</i>	<i>April 2020</i>	<i>End of 2023-2024 School Year</i>	
iPadOS			
14.8 15.4 16 ^b	Sept. 2020; rolling	CAI supports the three most recent major releases of iPadOS.	Supported iPads: All 9.7" or larger iPads running a supported version of iPadOS.

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ChromeOS^d			
102 Long-term Support Candidate (LTC) or Long-term Support (LTS)	June 2021; rolling	For any given school year, CAI will support the latest LTC/LTS versions of ChromeOS available during the summer months and all subsequent versions until the following summer. For example, if Chrome 102 LTS is released in June, it and all versions of Chrome after it will be supported until July of the following year.	Google releases LTC and LTS versions every six months. Support may require updating the Chrome kiosk application.

- a If Microsoft or Apple ends support for an operating system sooner than six years after its release, then CAI will stop supporting that system one full school year after support ends.
- b Support for this version is anticipated upon the completion of testing following its release.
- c For Linux distributions, CAI will end support at the end of a full school year after the official distributor’s announced end-of-life support date.
- d CAI will support any device that Google actively supports for auto-update. CAI will not support any device that Google does not support for auto-update. Information on Google’s auto-update policy, including currently supported devices, can be found at <https://support.google.com/chrome/a/answer/6220366>.