



Academy 6.0 Technical Specifications

System Configuration

The Academy software is located on a central Server Station computer. It provides interfaces for staff members and students. The Management System is the interface that teachers and other staff members use. Separate student interfaces are provided for each installed application. All interfaces can be accessed from any supported client workstation Web browser.

Workstation System Requirements

	Windows Vista (Home Premium, Business, Ultimate) Windows 7 (Home Premium, Professional, Ultimate)	Windows XP Professional	Macintosh OS 10.3 or Later
CPU Minimum/Recommended	800 MHz/1.8 GHz	450 MHz/800 MHz	500 MHz/800 MHz
Memory Minimum/Recommended	512 MB/1GB	128 MB/512 MB	128 MB/512 MB
Disk Space	Based on your browser cache setting		
Video Minimum/Recommended	128 MB/128 MB	SVGA/64 MB	SVGA/64 MB
Screen Resolution Minimum	1024 x 768		
Audio	On-board sound Headphones (full ear cover recommended) Good quality microphone ¹		
Runtime Software Minimum	Adobe Flash Player 10		
Network Minimum	100 Mbps LAN adapter ² Requires TCP/IP networking connection to the Server Station If Academy of Reading with the Fluency Portfolio or Response to Intervention add-on or MCI Online is installed, access to unproxied TCP ports 5910 and 5911 is required.		

¹ For Macintosh Workstations, a USB microphone is recommended.

² Home computers accessing the server must have a dedicated 1.5 Mbps DSL (High Speed) connection.

Supported Browsers

Windows Workstations				Macintosh Workstations			
	IE 6 or later	Firefox 1.5 or later	Opera 9.1 or later		Firefox 1.5 or later	Safari 1.3	Safari 2.0 or later
Vista Home Premium, Ultimate, Business	✓	✓	✓	OS 10.3	✓	✓	
				OS 10.4 or later	✓		✓
Windows 7 Home Premium, Professional, Ultimate	✓	✓	✓				
Windows XP Professional	✓	✓	✓				

NOTE: JavaScript, cookies, and pop-ups must be enabled in all browsers.

Bandwidth Requirements

Available bandwidth between the workstation and server may limit the maximum number of concurrent users. For staff accessing the Management System, bandwidth requirements are typically less than 10 Kbps and may be effectively run over a 56Kbps dialup connection. Please consider other network usage when determining available bandwidth for the Academy.

NOTE: A home connection must provide a consistent bandwidth speed of 0.5 Mbps (500 Kbps) or greater. This is within the range of most internet service providers' high-speed connection offerings. Consider that other factors (e.g. streaming audio and video or security updates) can affect download speeds.

	Bandwidth Required Per Student Workstation (Individual)
Management System	
Academy of READING®	28 Kbps
Academy of READING® w/ Fluency Portfolio Add-on	100 Kbps
Academy of READING® w/ Response to Intervention Package ³	100 Kbps
Academy of MATH®	36 Kbps
iNeo/SCI™	
Content Area Vocabulary Builder™ (CVB)	
MCI Online	

Web Content Filtering Software

For home access, If you are using security or web content filtering software, it is possible that some content (such as the audio files) may be blocked. As with pop-up blocking, you can either disable these filters or create an exception for the School Specialty Website. Refer to the vendor's documentation for instructions.

For additional information, contact School Specialty Literacy and Intervention technical specialists at AcademySupport@schoolspecialty.com.

³ The Progress Monitoring Test can use up to 100Kbps because of the requirement for streaming audio. If a large number of students are doing a Progress Monitoring Test (as would be the case when the school is completing a Universal Screening Test), the required bandwidth will temporarily increase to 100Kbps per student.