Charter School Testing Support Playbook

# 📘 Purpose

To ensure seamless technology support during school-wide assessments, reduce testing disruptions, and improve test data validity through structured processes and communication.

# 🔧 1. Device Readiness Checks (Pre-Testing)

Timeline: Begin 2–4 weeks before testing  
Goal: Ensure all student and proctor devices meet testing platform requirements

## ✅ Daily Checklist (Start 1 week prior to test)

• Devices are fully charged or charging stations are available  
• Operating systems are updated (Chromebooks, Windows, macOS, iPads)  
• Approved testing apps or secure browsers installed (e.g., LockDown Browser, TestNav, AIRSecureTest)  
• Disable automatic updates during testing windows  
• Caching servers tested (if applicable)  
• Keyboard/mouse functionality verified  
• Network connectivity test per room/device  
• Disable pop-ups, alerts, and screen savers  
• Check firewall/content filter doesn’t block testing URLs

Documentation:  
Maintain a device audit log and testing tech checklist (Google Sheet or ticketing system)

# 📣 2. Escalation Protocols During Testing

Timeline: Real-time during testing days  
Goal: Minimize downtime and respond quickly to disruptions

## 🚨 Tiered Support Workflow

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| Issue Type | Who to Notify First | Action Taken |
| Device won’t boot | Classroom Proctor | Swap device, notify onsite tech support |
| Secure browser crash | Classroom Proctor → Tech Lead | Restart app, verify internet, clear cache |
| Network outage | Tech Lead → MSP/IT Manager | Check local access points, escalate to ISP |
| Login/auth errors | Testing Coordinator → MSP | Reset credentials, check SSO server |
| Repeated disconnections | MSP/Network Engineer | Review firewall logs, student activity logs |

## 🧽 Escalation Flow

1. Proctor logs the issue via form or hotline  
2. Site IT Lead triages within 5 min  
3. MSP Tier 2/3 engaged for deeper tech problems  
4. Testing Coordinator notifies principal/school leader of critical incidents

Communication Channels:  
• Shared Slack/MS Teams war-room channel  
• Emergency SMS/phone tree  
• Ticketing platform (Zendesk, Freshservice, etc.)

# 📋 3. Post-Test Review & Incident Debrief

Timeline: Within 3–5 days after testing ends  
Goal: Identify root causes, improve preparedness, and document lessons learned

## 🔍 Post-Test Technical Review

• Review logs from testing platform (e.g., test disruptions, restarts)  
• Network uptime and device usage analysis  
• Root cause analysis of escalated tickets  
• Identify chronic device or connectivity issues

## 🧑‍🏫 Proctor & Staff Feedback

Distribute a brief survey (Google Form) to:  
• Capture ease of login  
• Report recurring issues  
• Suggest improvements

## 🛠️ Recommendations Report

• Create a report that includes:

- Number and type of incidents  
 - Downtime minutes per testing session  
 - Recommendations for hardware refresh, training, or Wi-Fi expansion  
• Schedule a post-mortem meeting with IT team, MSP, and school leadership

# 🛡️ Supporting Tools & Templates

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| Resource | Purpose |
| Device Readiness Checklist | Pre-test tech prep per room |
| Incident Log Template | Capture all issues with timestamp/resolution |
| Testing Day Tech Hotline Sheet | Contact list with escalation order |
| Post-Test Debrief Form | Collect insights from staff and tech teams |
| Testing War Room Communication Plan | Centralize real-time response |

# 🧐 Best Practices

• Dry runs: Conduct a mock testing session a week before.  
• Test device rotation: Ensure spares are available per class.  
• Tag & monitor devices used during testing for audit trail.  
• Cloud dashboard monitoring: Use tools like GoGuardian, Meraki, or Aruba Central to monitor usage in real time.