The Readiness Gauge has been designed to display the preliminary status for a district at a glance. Specific indicators have been identified as important district readiness components concerning preparation for anticipated computer-based testing.

1. **DISTRICT PLAN:**
   District has a plan in place for preparing computer-based testing.

2. **STUDENT/COMPUTER RATIO**
   A ratio of one modern, internet-accessible computer for every five students.

3. **BANDWIDTH**
   Each school will need to have access to sufficient bandwidth to avoid network congestion during testing periods. Schools should have the capacity to handle a minimum of 6 Kilobits/second per student of network bandwidth.

4. **TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND COORDINATION:**
   Each school site or testing location will have adequate technical support personnel to help monitor, troubleshoot, and resolve equipment and/or connection problems during the testing window.

5. **EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**
   District and school staff who will be supporting the testing process have appropriate training and experience to manage and administer computer-based assessments. Technology training must be provided for district and school staff to increase their comfort level with online testing and to minimize testing anxiety.

6. **STUDENT TESTING SPACE**
   Each school has sufficient classrooms and testing areas to accommodate student testing in a way that does not allow test takers to see another's screen.

### Statewide average readiness for high schools

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55 out of 67 districts have responded to the Readiness Gauge tool
**DISTRICT TEMPLATE**

**READINESS GAUGE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

The planning tool is designed to examine current status of an indicator, future planning and funding sources.

### District Planning

- **GREEN**: District has a plan in place for preparing computer-based testing.
- **YELLOW**: District plan in progress.
- **RED**: No district plan.

### Student / Computer Ratio

A ratio of one modern, internet-accessible computer for every five students.

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### Technical Support and Coordination

Each school site or testing location will have adequate technical support personnel to help monitor, troubleshoot, and resolve equipment and/or connection problems during the testing window.

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- **ORANGE**: 1 Technical Support Person per 1,501 students or more
- **RED**: No Technical Staff to support computer-based testing

### Experience and Training

District and school staff who will be supporting the testing process have appropriate training and experience to manage and administer computer-based assessments. Technology training must be provided for district and school staff to increase their comfort level with online testing and to minimize testing anxiety.

- **GREEN**: Currently Training All Staff
- **YELLOW**: Plan in place to train staff/Some staff already in training
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