



Questar: Nextera Admin &
Test Delivery System (TDS)
Updates

July, 2019



Agenda

Testing Update

- Spring Test Window Review

Questar Assessment

- Nextera Planning/System Strategy

Nextera Admin

- In Progress for MS: Electronic Read-Aloud Scripts, School Level ISR Report

Nextera Test Delivery System (TDS)

- In Progress for MS: TTS for Directions/Prompts
- In Design Review for MS: Desmos
- TDS New Features: Option for TTS as Tool, TTS on Reference Sheets

2019-2020 Support Updates(TDS)

- Upcoming OS Releases
- Questar Planned Support Changes

Testing Highlights

Spring Testing

- In-state STC Training
- Tested 498,658 students
- Managed 2,483 Customer Support cases (.05%)
- In-state support
- Early scores for EOC
- Data Files and Reports

New for Spring

- Grade 3 Reading Retest
- Support for iOS 12
- TAM scripts
- Pre-ID Portal
- Micro Trainings
- Principal and Superintendent Access to Reports

Questar Assessment – Nextera Planning

Nextera Planning – System Strategy

- Technology focus on stabilization
 - Two releases annually to main code branch
 - All clients migrated to main code branch prior to FY20 assessment delivery
 - Roadmap plan committed 5 months prior
 - Overall product review

Admin – In Progress

School Level ISR Report

- Ability to print ISRs at the school level rather than by class

Electronic Read-Aloud Scripts

- Ability to print read-aloud scripts locally via ServicePoint

Setting of Student Accommodations

- Verifying student's accommodations are set properly prior to the beginning of a test is important for student's success. Questar is working with MDE to develop possible processes for the field to help, and is evaluating possible updates to the system to help guide users to a more clear view.

TDS – In Progress/Design Review

In Progress: TTS for Directions/Prompts

- Ability to provide TTS for directions/prompts for grade 3 ELA

Design Review: Desmos

- Currently evaluating design/solution to replace TI-84 with Desmos

TDS – New Features/Functionality

TTS as a Tool

- Currently TTS is offered as an accommodation only in MS
- Now have the ability to configure TTS as a standard tool

TTS for Reference Sheet

- Ability to offer TTS on reference sheets in order to offer equitable testing solution for students requiring TTS as an accommodation

Upcoming OS Releases 2019-2020

- Windows: No major releases planned
- Chrome: Versions pushed on regular cadence and generally seamless
- Apple: Major annual releases with minor periodic releases
 - iPad: Releasing new iPad OS decoupling from iOS used with iPhone
 - Beta released this month and expected release in September
 - Will set aside Beta OS on iPad devices to test
 - Mac: Annual release of 10.15 Catalina
 - Have a Mac device on Beta and started testing
 - Expected release in fall

Questar Planned Support Changes

- Questar publishes an ongoing support matrix on web site:
<http://www.questarai.com/readiness/>
- Note: Questar continues to not recommend OS upgrades or updates within 30 days of a testing window
- Upcoming changes for 2019-2020 Support
 - Dropping support
 - New support
 - Testing Beta versions of Apple iPads/Macs and declaration of support shortly after release in fall.

Questar Planned Support Changes

- Dropping support
 - Windows 7/8.1 and Windows Server 2008/2012
 - Chrome below v67
 - iPad (no change)
 - Mac 10.10-10.13 (10.13.4 first OS to support mass installations)
- New support
 - Chrome v67+ (v75 current stable)
 - iPad OS (testing and planned shortly after release in fall)
 - Mac 10.15 (testing and planned shortly after release in fall)

Questions?

