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Thank you for the great call last concerning the implementation of FAIR from the technology perspective. Just like are working as a team in the district, the Florida Department of Education has been working as a team to provide you with the most concise information for the successful implementation of FAIR.

- Attached are the recommended computer specifications and the FAIR Certification spreadsheet. Later today, each district will be receiving a spreadsheet on the student to computer access that was reported in the 2008 School Technology Resource survey.
- All information pertaining to the PMRN can be found at the following link: www.fcrr.org/pmrn If you have any questions please contact Karl Hook at khook@fcrr.org.
- If you want to register for a local network check please go to: <http://www.doodle.com/m7wv48niwix5wepw>.
- Just Read Florida is the contact for the mini laptop distribution, if you have any questions please email: Kevin.Smith@fldoe.org.
- Finally, on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 there will be Regional webinars concerning the implementation of the FAIR. Below are the times for each region webinar, additional information will be sent out on Friday:
 - 9:00 AM Region 5
 - 10:00 AM Region 4
 - 11:00 AM Region 3
 - 1:30 PM Region 2
 - 2:30 PM Region 1

Thanks for all that you are doing to make this project a success.

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Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading District Readiness Certification

It will be the responsibility of the district to develop an implementation plan for Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR). The plan should include the following components

- district team for implementation of FAIR;
- sufficient student to computer ratio for schools;
- awareness training for principals, educators, and technology coordinators;
- testing window for the implementation of FAIR;
- technology coordinator support for schools during the testing window;
- district technology support to allocate bandwidth during the testing window through a caching server; and
- school readiness form (*FAIR_Certification.xls*).

Suggested 3-12 Computer Specifications

	Minimum	Recommended
Workstations	<p>Windows Desktop, Laptop, and/or Tablet Computers: Pentium II or III 450 MHz - 1GHz or faster processor 512MB RAM 1024 x 600 Screen Resolution Full size keyboard Mouse/Pointing Device</p> <p>Apple/Macintosh Desktop and/or Laptop Computers: PowerPC ® G3 500MHz or faster processor Intel Core Duo 1.33 GHz 128 MB RAM 1024 x 600 Screen Resolution Full size keyboard Mouse/Pointing Device</p>	<p>Windows Desktop, Laptop, and/or Tablet Computers: Pentium IV 1.3 GHz or faster processor 1 GB Ram 1024 x 768 Screen Resolution Full size keyboard Mouse/Pointing Device</p> <p>Apple/Macintosh Desktop and/or Laptop Computers: G4 or G5 1GHz or faster processor 1 GB Ram 500 MB Available Disk Space 1024 x 768 Screen Resolution Full size keyboard Mouse/Pointing Device</p>

	Minimum	Recommended
Operating Systems	Windows: Windows XP Pro (Service Pack 3) Apple/Macintosh: Mac OS X 10.4	Windows: Vista Apple/Macintosh: Mac OS X 10.5
Browsers	Windows Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher Firefox 1.5 or higher Apple Firefox 1.5 or higher is recommended Safari version to be determined upon further testing Flash Player v9 or v10 JavaScript and Cookies enabled	Windows Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher Firefox 2.0 or higher Apple Firefox 2.0 or higher is recommended Safari version to be determined upon further testing Flash Player v9 or v10 JavaScript and Cookies enabled
Network Connectivity	1.54 Mb/s 6 Kb/s per workstation	

Additional items:

- Recommended a 4:1 student computer ratio.
- Recommended maximum 25 laptops per 1 access point or a hub Ethernet.
- Recommended proctor caching server at the school or district level.
- Sufficient laptop batteries and power for computers.
- Students must have headphones and a mouse to take the 3-12 Assessments.
- It is suggested that student workstations have caching enabled across all profiles, so that the audio and Flash files do not need to download each time.

