

## System Requirements for Windows and Mac OS X

The Pearson Learning Platform is a new, Web-based learning management system for its proven NovaNET<sup>®</sup> Courseware. This platform is unlike anything else on the market, combining the NovaNET rigorous, complete, and engaging multimedia courses with robust testing, customization options, a variety of study plans, and a library of reports.

The Pearson Learning Platform is completely Web-based. It uses a standard Internet browser and is hosted and maintained by Pearson. There is nothing to install locally, and we take care of the data, service, and support.

This document provides Internet connection requirements, browser tune-up information, and detailed workstation and browser requirements for optimal user experience within the Pearson Learning Platform.

The system requirements and recommendations contained in this document are subject to change at any time due to hardware and software changes. Changes may include, but are not limited to, operating systems and hardware technologies.

### Internet Connection Requirements

For individual use, a broadband (cable/DSL) or greater internet connection is recommended. For district implementation, please complete the online IRC and a Pearson Sales Engineer will work with you to determine the best implementation option to meet the needs of your district.

There are short periods of activity that will have burst spikes well above this amount, so discuss the school bandwidth requirements with your Pearson Sales Engineer.

### Firewalls, Content Filters, and Security Software

Pearson recommends adding our URLs to any existing security devices for optimal performance. If your firewall, content filter, or security program has the equivalent of a trusted sites list, you may be able to leave your security on if you add the following sites to that list:

<b>URLs:</b>	*pearsoned.com *pearsonschool.com *pearsoncmg.com tutor.pegasus.pearsoncmg.com web.novanet.com download.macromedia.com <sup>1</sup>
<b>Ports:</b>	80 and 443
<b>Transport Layers:</b>	http, https, SOCKS <sup>2</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> The Macromedia URL is used by the Authorware Web Player. It may block lesson launch if not allowed in some environments; for example, Group Policy.
- <sup>2</sup> SOCKS is required only in proxy server environments for the **tutor.pegasus.pearsoncmg.com** URL. If your proxy is not SOCKS compatible, make a firewall pinhole definition for this URL instead.

## Browser Tune-up

The Pearson Learning Platform is more robust than simple text and graphic standard HTML Web pages. The browser requires tune-up for optimal operation and user experience. The tasks may include turning off pop-up blockers, adding Pearson URLs to the browser trusted site list, enabling add-ons and plug-ins, and allowing cookies as needed.

## System Requirements

The following configurations are tested and supported for the Pearson Learning Platform.

Table 1-1. Requirements

Operating System	Recommended Hardware	Browsers	Screen Resolution
<b>Windows<sup>®</sup> XP</b> Requires Service Pack 3	512 Memory (RAM) or higher 1 GHz Processor or faster Sound card or headset	<b>Internet Explorer<sup>®</sup> 7.0</b> <b>Internet Explorer 8.0</b>	<b>1024 x 768</b>
<b>Windows Vista<sup>®</sup></b> <b>Home Basic / Home Premium / Business / Ultimate</b> Requires Service Pack 1	512 MB Memory (RAM) or higher for Vista Home Basic 1 GB or more for Vista Home Premium / Ultimate / Business 1 GHz Processor or faster Sound card or headset	<b>Internet Explorer 7.0</b> <b>Internet Explorer 8.0</b>	<b>1024 x 768</b>
<b>Windows<sup>®</sup> 7</b>	1 GB Memory (RAM) or higher 1 GHz Processor or faster Sound card or headset	<b>Internet Explorer 8.0</b>	<b>1024 x 768</b>
<b>Mac OS<sup>®</sup> X</b> Requires 10.5.7	PowerPC or Intel 512 MB Memory (RAM) or higher 1.83 GHz Processor Sound card or headset	<b>Safari<sup>®</sup> 4.0</b>	<b>1280 x 960</b>

**Note: Safari 5.0, Mac 10.6, Firefox, and Google Chrome are not currently supported.**

## Plug-ins and Players

To use all of the lessons within the Pearson Learning Platform, download and install the following browser plug-ins from each link listed.

Table 1-2. Plug-ins and Players

Plug-in	Version
<a href="#">Adobe® Flash®</a>	8 or higher
<a href="#">Java™ (JRE™)</a>	Version: 1.4.2 [Java 4 update2+], 1.5 [Java 5.0 update 11+], or 1.6 [Java 6.0] JavaScript™ must be enabled.
<a href="#">Adobe Authorware® Web Player</a>	2004 (Windows) / Web Player 7 (Mac PowerPC only, not Intel <sup>1</sup> )
<a href="#">Apple® QuickTime®</a>	6 or higher

<sup>1</sup> **Intel Mac Users:** Adobe does not have an Authorware Web Player for the Mac Intel platform, so some lessons cannot be launched. This problem will abate as these lessons are updated during 2010, completing early in 2011.