

## 2017 USAD Nationals Online Technical Information

Because your school may limit Internet traffic or lock down your workstations, we suggest that you review ALL of the included instructions regarding the USAD 2017 Nationals Online Competition with your IT Department prior to the practice and actual tests.

If your school will be on a break or vacation, you will need to be sure that your IT Department is aware that you will be using the Internet and that they should avoid performing system maintenance during the testing window.

Assure that **ALL** of the computers your students are using for the **Essay** portion of the competition have newer versions of Internet Explorer or Chrome and that your students are aware they are to use Internet Explorer or Chrome only. Other browsers are not allowed **AND WILL NOT WORK**, including, but not limited to Firefox, Safari and Netscape.

To make sure everything runs smoothly with the event your IT department will need the following information:

- Site address – [www.usadtest.com](http://www.usadtest.com) and <https://usad.enlyght.com>
- Internet Browser for Essay testing – Internet Explorer or Chrome ONLY
- Internet Browser for objective testing – Any current browser is acceptable
- Make sure that adequate bandwidth is available during the online competition - no less than 1.5 mbs – the more bandwidth available the better the testing experience

If possible have your IT staff increase the priority of internet traffic to the USAD testing sites listed above.

Please note: If using an older monitor or small laptop the timing bar may disappear while typing your essay. The timing bar stays at the top of the monitor if the monitor is set for 1024 x 768 as a minimum height requirement. If using a larger monitor the timing bar will appear and stay at the top of the screen.

It is important that all schools use the same machines as used for the practice tests including selecting the prompts for essay, typing and saving.