

Texas SUCCESS Toolkit for Public Libraries and Community Groups

Texas SUCCESS provides state-funded access to interactive math and reading programs for Texas students in grades 3-8. This means free access to both reading and math programs. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has selected Istation Reading as the Texas SUCCESS reading provider for grades 3-5 and Istation Reading en Español for grade 3 Spanish learners. To get more information about Texas SUCCESS, please visit www.texassuccess.org.

What is Istation?

Istation is a comprehensive online assessment and reading instruction program. The goal of Istation is to help students reach their full reading potential.

Through the state-funded Texas SUCCESS project, public school students in grades 3-5 will have access to Istation Home. Istation Reading delivers instruction targeted to students' individual needs in order to increase growth and establish lifelong readers, and Istation Home allows them to continue their reading instruction outside the classroom. Each child will work on his or her own individual learning path.

Istation online instruction is engaging and motivating. Fun songs and activities grab students' attention and teach them foundational reading skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. The animation brings instruction alive, and students have fun while learning.

Public libraries and other community organizations can help by making Istation available on their computers, as some students may not have Internet access at home.

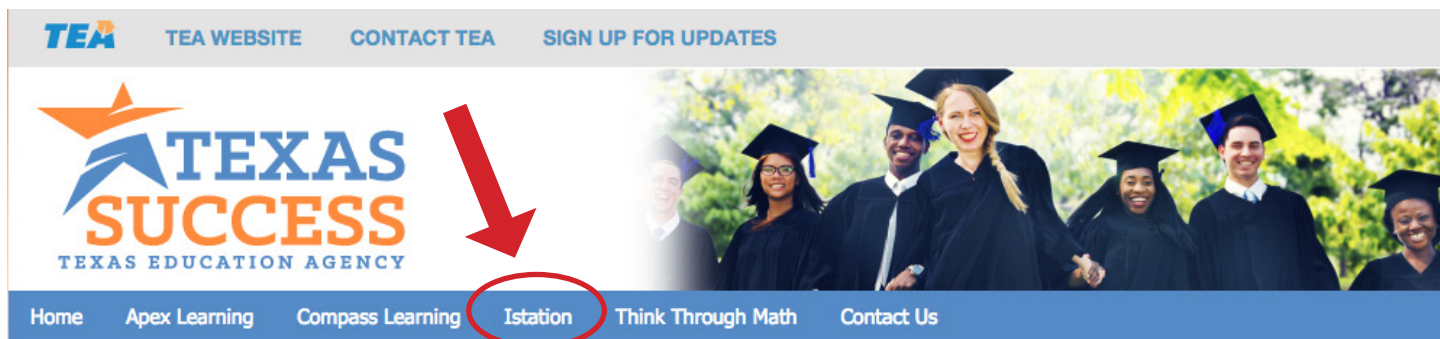
Using Istation

How to Set Up Istation

The Istation program (also referred to as the student curriculum application) must be loaded on the desktop, laptop, iPad, or Chromebook a student is using in order to access the customized student content. The instructions on the next page show the process for downloading the Istation program.

For technical information, go to www.istation.com/Support/TechnicalInfo

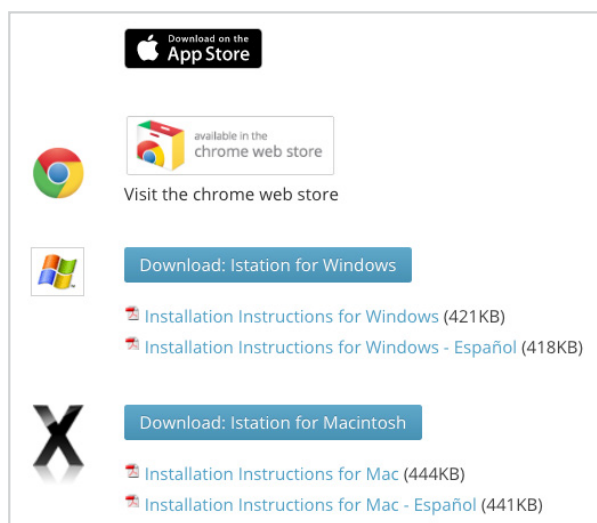
Go to www.texassuccess.org. Once on that site, click **Istation**.



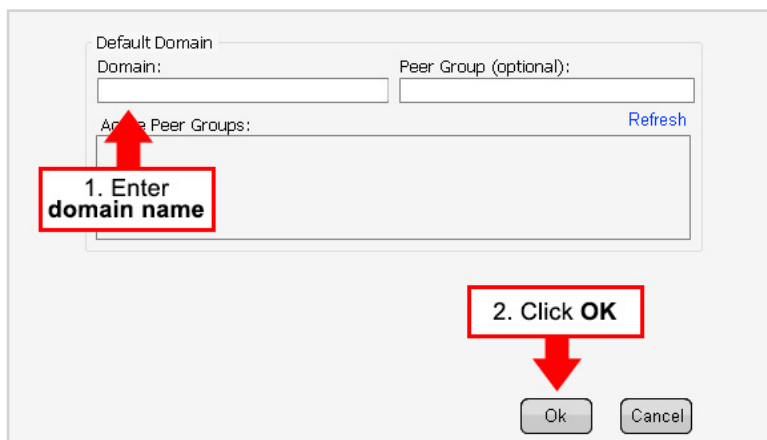
Then click the Istation logo at the top or **Sign up on our website today** at the bottom to get started.



Click on the appropriate button to download Istation for iPad, Chromebook, Windows, or Macintosh.




Once the Istation program is installed, it will begin automatically and display the screen below. For the initial download, enter "Istation" as the domain (leave **Peer Group** blank). The domain represents a student's school. Each student must log in with his or her school name listed as the domain. Please see the section **Logging into Istation Outside of Home or School** for how to easily make this change for students.

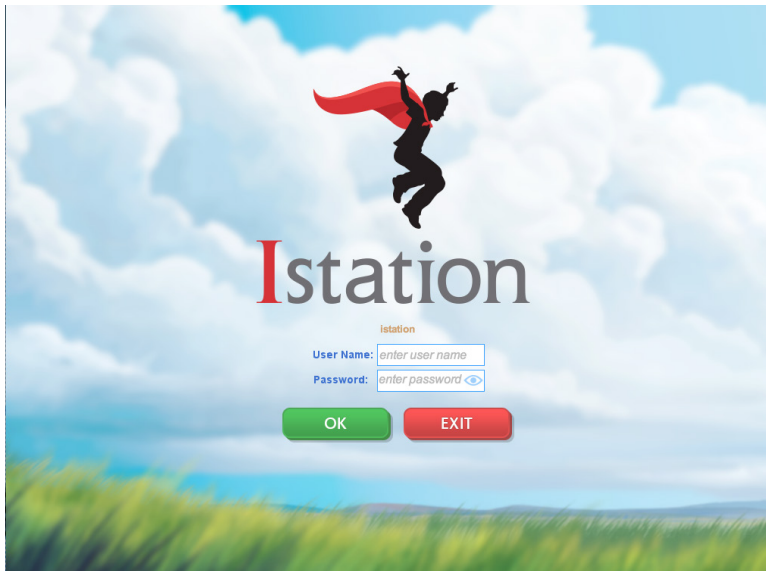


The Istation icon  will appear on the desktop. Congratulations! Istation is now ready for students to use.

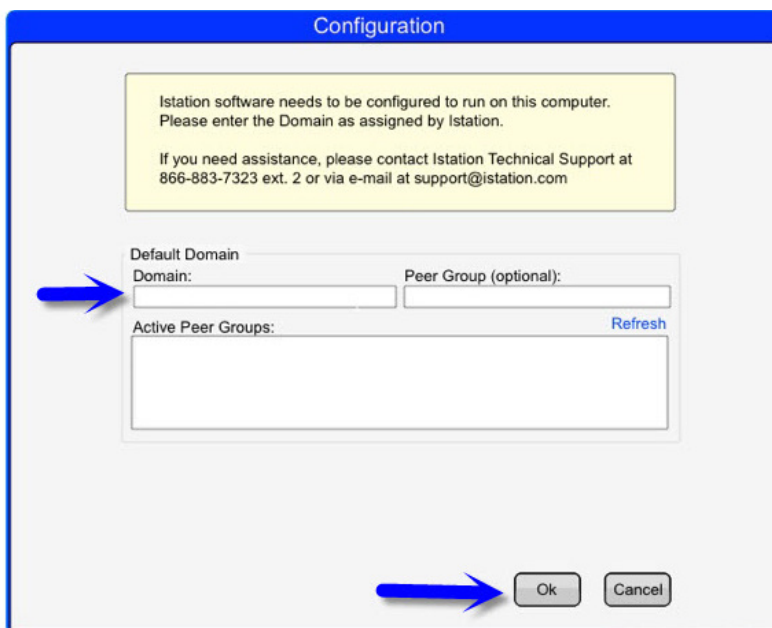
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Logging into Istation Outside of Home or School

1. Have the students double click the Istation icon on the computer's desktop. 
2. Have the student enter his or her username and password. **Important Note:** Check to see if the student's domain matches the school he or she attends. If not, type CONFIG in both the User Name and Password fields. Then click **OK**.



3. Type in the name of the student's school. A list of domains will appear. Choose the one that has the correct city and state as there are multiple schools with the same name. Then select the student's domain and click **OK**. (Leave the **Peer Group** blank.)



4. Have the student enter his or her username and password. Then click **OK**.

Supporting Students

Istation provides differentiated online instruction. In Istation Reading, students receive explicit instruction from online animated tutors and narrators. After the teach section, students participate in guided practice and independent practices in all skill areas. The online instruction is adaptive. The system monitors students as they work, and their learning paths are determined based on how they perform in the independent practices and curriculum content assessments. Depending on performance, students will automatically be promoted or retaught as they work in Istation Reading.

Once students log into Istation, they should work independently as much as possible. The system monitors when students have difficulty and automatically reteaches skills and concepts when needed.

While on Istation, students should ...

- work independently,
- work in a quiet area,
- wear headphones, and
- log out of the system when they are done.



How to Get Help and Technical Support

Istation Support is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM. You may contact Istation by phone at 886-883-7323 or e-mail support@istation.com with any questions you may have.

For additional questions or to learn more about Texas SUCCESS, please visit www.texassuccess.org, email TexasSuccess@esc20.info or by phone 1-844-222-2090.