



# Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the specific grade level associated with each level of *iSPIRE*?

*iSPIRE* is a skills-based program, designed to help students master foundational reading skills. *iSPIRE* does not assign grades to the levels. As students move through each level, they are building upon previously learned skills, and new skills become gradually more and more complex. Here is the [Scope & Sequence](#) for additional details about the skills taught in *iSPIRE*.

What level should I place my students in?

*iSPIRE* provides a free Placement Test that will help you determine which level to place students in. [Click here](#) to download the Test, Directions, and a Recording Form. Students who do not score high enough to place into *iSPIRE* Level 1 should begin with *Sounds Sensible*.

How many sessions a week do you recommend and how long for each session?

For maximum student achievement, and to ensure fidelity across your school or district, *iSPIRE* recommends instructing students five days a week with 45-minute sessions. This should allow you to complete one 10-Step Lesson, with the accompanying Independent Work Activities, per day. If your schedule doesn't allow for this, you can split the 10-Step Lesson in half to fit the time that you have.

What is the ideal group size?

*iSPIRE* recommends grouping your students according to where they place on the Placement Test, working with approximately 8-10 students per group.

Can students be placed into *iSPIRE* and be left to work independently?

*iSPIRE* utilizes a direct, systematic teaching methodology that is dependent on teacher-led instruction where students do not work independently. Students work independently during the Independent Work activities at the end of each 10-Step Lesson. These activities provide additional practice and reinforcement opportunities for the new concept, in addition to providing an opportunity for students to be quickly assessed on the concept at hand.

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What devices does *iSPIRE* work on?

*iSPIRE* can be used on desktops, laptops, and tablets. Tablets provide the best interactive experience for students, but *iSPIRE* still works well on desktops and laptops.

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What are the technical requirements?

#### COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEMS

Windows 7 or higher  
OS X Lion v10.7 or higher

#### iPAD

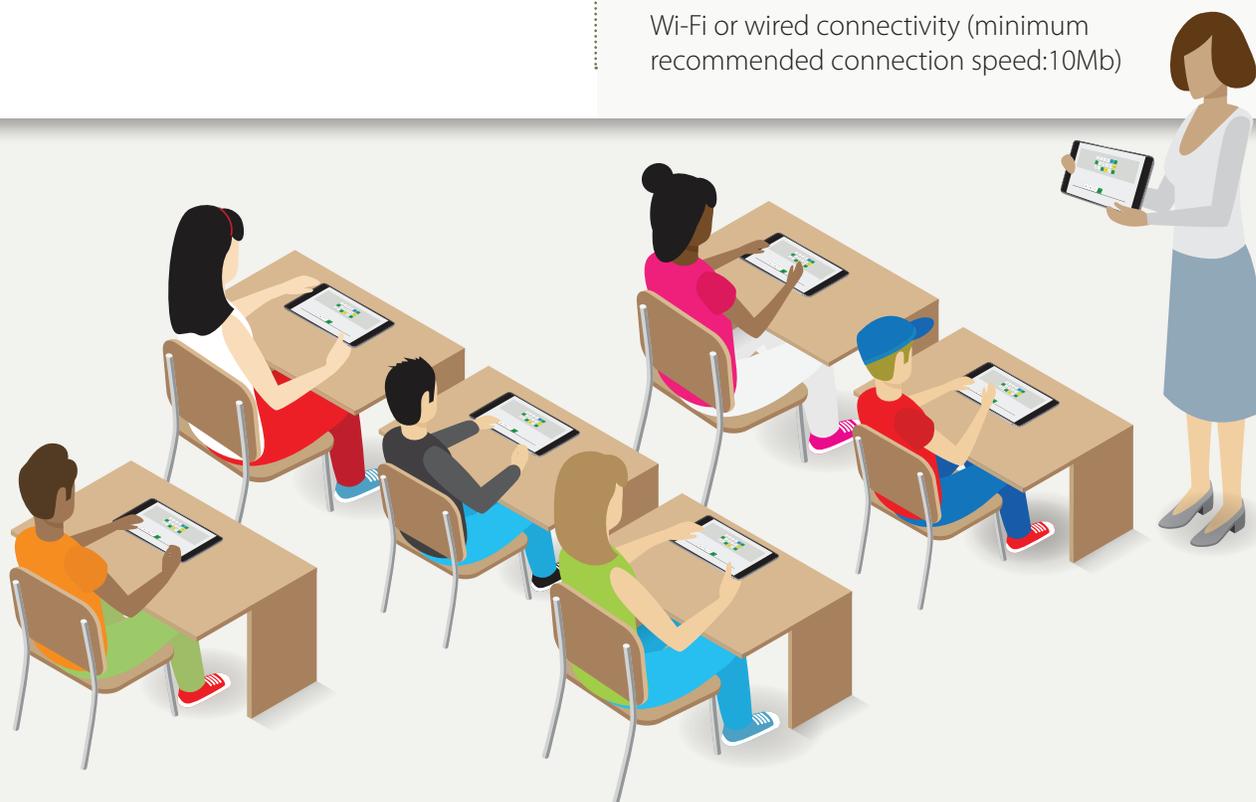
iPad 2 or higher, running on iOS 9 or higher

#### BROWSER

Chrome (recommended)  
Safari

#### CONNECTIVITY

Wi-Fi or wired connectivity (minimum recommended connection speed: 10Mb)



**GRADES PreK–8+**

