

# M-STEP Tech Skills: Grades 3 & 4

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In third and fourth grade, there are several technology skills that can be taught to better prepare students for the M-STEP.

These skills include:

- Mouse Practice
- Keyboarding
- Navigation
- Drag & Drop

Each SBAC Tech Skills lesson should be 30 minutes in length (20 minutes for skills, 10 minutes for keyboarding in grade 3-6). You can check the student's understanding and mastery of this skill by asking the three guiding questions provided in each lesson. The following activities target these technology skills, and whenever possible align with the ELA and/or Math CCSS.

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[Checking for Understanding](#)

[SBAC Tech Skills Checklist](#)

## Mouse Practice

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Skill	Activities and Description	CCSS
Scroll Practice	Students will visit <a href="#">Scroll Practice</a> and follow directions to practice using the mouse.  Using <a href="#">Math Maven</a> students are expected to apply their mouse skills by scrolling through prompts to solve the math mystery and answer the question.	Math (3.OA.D.8) (4.OA.A3)
Highlight Text	Using <a href="#">Highlighting Text</a> students will wear headphone, listen to the directions and practice highlighting text.	ELA (L.3.1,L.3.2) (L.4.1,L4.2)

	Students will visit <a href="#">Grade 3 Proofreading Makes Perfect</a> and <a href="#">Grade 4 Proofreading Makes Perfect</a> to practice correcting grammar, spelling usage, and punctuation. Students will need to practice highlighting text, and placing cursor in specific locations in the text.	
Mouse Clicking	Students will play <a href="#">Mouse Clicking</a> to improve the speed and accuracy of mouse clicking.  Using <a href="#">Spelling Bees</a> students will practice their speed and accuracy of using the mouse.	ELA (RF.3.3) (RF.4.3)

## Keyboarding

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Skill	Activities and Description	CCSS
Keyboarding	Students will use <a href="#">Dance Mat Typing</a> to practice typing skills, choose your level.	ELA (W.3.6) (W.4.6)
Keyboarding	Students will use <a href="#">Typing Club</a> to follow sequential format for improving a variety of typing skills.	ELA (W.3.6) (W.4.6)
Number Pad Practice	Using <a href="#">Number Pad Practice</a> students will focus on using the number key pad and will practice using the number pad for speed and accuracy  Students will play <a href="#">Math Quiz</a> to improve their multiplication fluency while practicing using the number key pad.	Math (3.OA.A.3) (4.OA.A.1)

## Navigation

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Skill	Activities and Description	CCSS
Understanding Symbols	Using <a href="#">Word Clouds for Kids</a> students will practice interpreting how to navigate an activity by creating content-specific word clouds.	ELA (W.3.6) (W.4.6)
Writing into Fields	Using <a href="#">The Friendly Letter Creator</a> , students will practice typing into fields.  <a href="#">Esperanza Rising</a> will allow students to respond to prompts by typing into fields. Once finished, they have the option of printing their writing.	ELA (W.3.1) (W.4.1)
Navigating Videos	In <a href="#">Study Jams</a> , students can watch videos and play supplemental games on a variety of topics tied to CCSS Math standards. Play a video, use navigation tools, and learn!	Math
Multiple Navigation Skills	Using <a href="#">Story Starters</a> , students will use a variety of navigation skills including locating hotspots, toggling to advance to next screen and typing into fields to create a story.	ELA (W.3.3) (W.4.3)

## Drag & Drop

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Skill	Activities and Description	CCSS
Drag and Drop	Using <a href="#">Thinking Blocks</a> , students will model and solve word problems while practicing their navigation and drag and drop skills.  Using <a href="#">Clean Up Your Grammar</a> , students will practice dragging and dropping by sorting verbs and nouns.	Math (3.OA.) (4.OA) ELA (L.3.2) L.4.2)