

CASAS Recertification Training

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PowerPoint and Links can be found at

https://www.mnabeassessment.com/presentations

(select links under CASAS Recertification – April 2025)

Objectives



Review updated information regarding CASAS Assessments



Overview of currently approved CASAS assessments – STEPS Reading and Listening, Reading GOALS, and Math GOALS 2



Review CASAS tools to assist in targeting instruction



Meet the ABE "every five years" test administration recertification requirement

Who Is Eligible to Administer Assessments?

- Staff who have gone through a CASAS Implementation Training with a certified trainer, or
- Staff who have completed the appropriate online modules created by CASAS and found on http://training.casas.org, and
- Staff who have completed their "every five years" recertification training



http://training.casas.org

Not sure which training you need? CLICK HERE ADMINISTRATORS, COORDINATORS, DATA MANAGERS **PROCTORS EDUCATORS** Module 4a: Interpreting Test Results Module 1: Exploring CASAS** eTESTING? Introduction to TOPSpro Enterprise CASAS eTests Proctor Certification* Module 4b: Instructional Reports eTESTING? PAPER TESTING? Module 3: Launching Paper Tests with Proctor Certification* CASAS eTests Agency Agreement** WORKFORCE PARTNERS Module 2: Exploring CASAS eTests** Module 5: Exploring CASAS Appraisals CASAS eTests Coordinator Certification* **REMOTE TESTING?** PAPER TESTING? Agency Remote Testing Agreement (Non-CA)* **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY** Module 3: Launching Paper Tests with Proctor Certification* CA Agency Remote Testing Agreement* CASAS eWORKS Implementation Proctor Remote Testing Agreement* CITIZENSHIP Proctor Remote Testing Certification **IN-PERSON TRAINING PORTAL** Remote Testing Resources (Non-CA) Training Completion Portal (by State) CASAS Citizenship Interview Test Certification* CASAS Citizenship Interview Test Recertification* CA Remote Testing Resources Training Completion Portal Request Citizenship Program Resources CLICK HERE to navigate the CASAS STEPS and GOALS 2 test series ** REQUIRED BY AT LEAST ONE STAFF MEMBER PER NEW AGENCY (refer to CASAS Training by Role) * REQUIRED

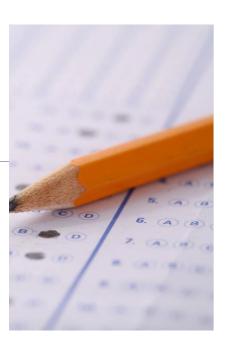
Why Do We Administer Assessments?

- Obtain basic information about each student's basic functioning life skills
- Establish the best class placements for the student
- Provide guidance for teacher as to each student's instructional needs
- Establish a baseline for post-testing students
- Post-tests provide teacher with valuable information regarding instructional effectiveness
- Accountability



CASAS Is a Standardized Test

- Every student should have the same experience every time
- Follow <u>steps for test day</u> and use proper timing
- Read script verbatim
- Assist students with demographics only
- Do not review test questions before testing session only practice items
- Students may not use cell phones, translators or dictionaries
- Do not allow breaks in the middle of testing session
- Do not review correct test answers with examinees



Proctor Certification: http://training.casas.org *Launching Paper Tests and Proctor Certification *CASAS eTests Proctor Certification



- Maintaining test security & student confidentiality at all times.
- Ensuring appropriate physical conditions & accommodations for testing.
- Making sure CASAS test booklets are managed appropriately.
- Following appropriate test administration procedures.
- ☐ Monitoring students & assisting with emergencies during testing.
- Understanding the policy on cheating.

Testing Guidelines Overview

Each site offering CASAS testing should have a **Test Administration Manuals (TAM) kept in a secure location and made available for testing staff.

Each Test Administration Manual (TAM) contains:

→ Answer keys

Scoring guidelines (Appraisal and Pre/Posttests)

→ Score conversion charts

→ Next assigned test charts

Standardized test administration

procedures and policies

Test security policy and procedures

Educational Functioning Level

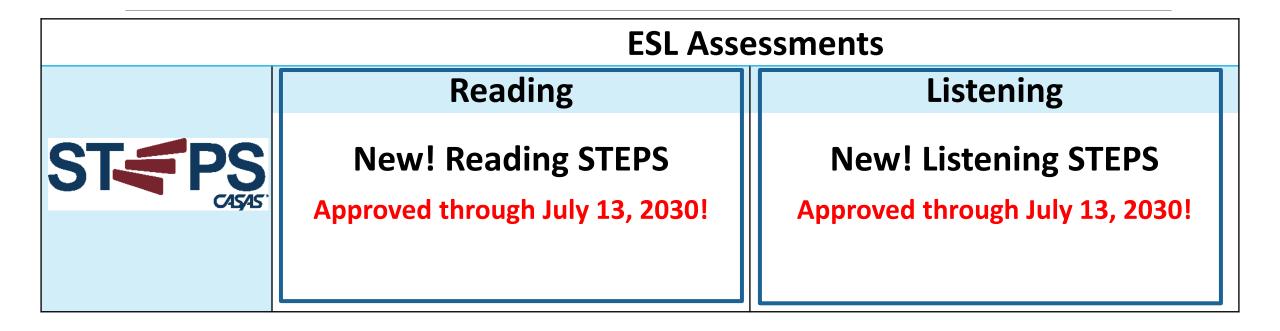
Descriptors



NRS-approved Assessments for English Language Learners

- Which assessments are approved?
- What do we know about the assessments?
- Do we need new training to administer these tests?

NRS Approved CASAS Assessments for English Language Learners



^{*}Note: Life & Work can no longer be used for NRS reporting. All copies of this test should be destroyed/shredded.

STEPS Reading and Listening Series



Reading STEPS for ESL

https://www.casas.org/productoverviews/assessments/readingsteps

Listening STEPS for ESL

https://www.casas.org/productoverviews/assessments/listening -steps

- STEPS <u>S</u>tudent <u>Test of English Progress and <u>S</u>uccess
 </u>
- Both Reading and Listening series have 5 levels, 2 forms per level
- Aligned to the ELP standards (English Language Proficiency standards)
- Increased focus on content standards together with competencies
- Multiple choice similar item types as found in Reading GOALS
- The process of administering these tests remains the same.

Who Should be Given a CASAS STEPS Reading or Listening?

- Only appropriate for learners for whom English is <u>not</u> their first language
- Only appropriate for ELLs who score under 241 (Reading) or under 232 (Listening) on STEPS
- Once an English language learner scores 241+ (Reading) or 232+ (Listening) on STEPS post-test, SiD will give them a level completion – they will be marked "Completed ESL"
- Those learners must be given a new Reading test, using either CASAS GOALS or TABE 13&14 as soon as possible. It will be impossible to record more than 12 additional hours without a new EFL (Educational Functioning Level).



Life & Work vs. STEPS







3 Levels

A, B, C

Levels 1-6

CASAS Content Standards CASAS Competencies

4 Levels A (AX), B, C, D

Levels 1-6

CASAS Content Standards **CASAS** Competencies

Test Levels

NRS Levels

Proficiency Standards & Competencies

5 Levels A, B, C, D, E

Levels 1-6

English Language Proficiency Standards

CASAS Competencies Correspond to College and **Career Readiness** Standards (CCRS)





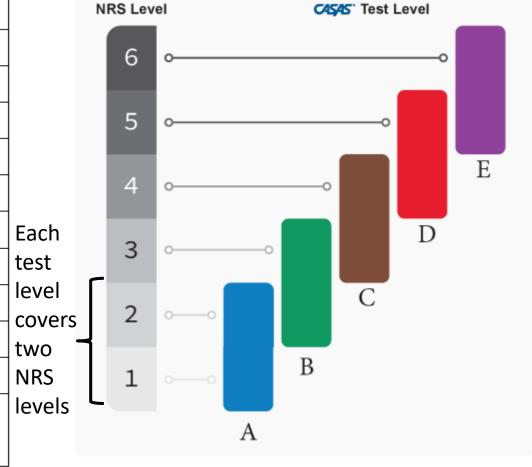
Reading STEPS



NRS Level Breakdown

Test Level Breakdown

NRS ESL Levels	ESL Level Names	Reading STEPS Scale Score Ranges	Grade Level
1	Beginning ESL Literacy	183 and below	K
2	Low Beginning ESL	184 – 189	К
2	LOW Beginning ESL	190 – 196	1
3	High Beginning ESL	197 – 206	1
	Low Intermediate ESL	207 – 211	2
4		212 – 216	3
_	High Intermediate ESL	217 – 222	4
5		223 – 227	5
	Advanced ESL	228 – 230	6
6		231 – 234	7
		235 – 238	8
	Exit Advanced ESL	239 and above	9+



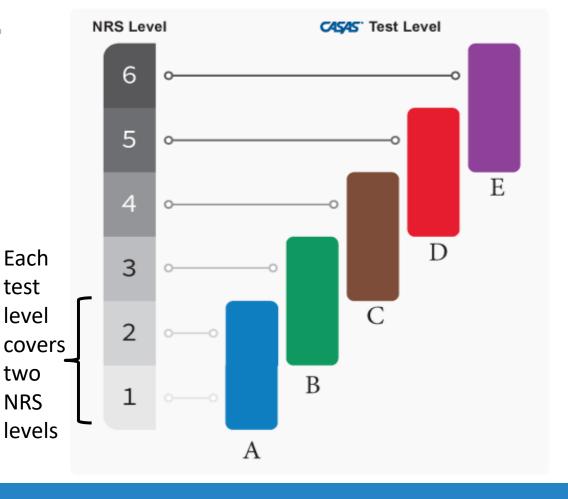
Listening STEPS



NRS Level Breakdown

Test Level Breakdown

NRS ESL Levels	ESL Level Names	Listening STEPS Scale Score Ranges	Grade Level
1	Beginning ESL Literacy	181 and below	K
2	Low Beginning ESL	182 – 186	К
2	Low Beginning LSL	187 – 191	1
3	High Beginning ESL	192 – 201	1
		202 – 206	2
4	Low Intermediate ESL	207 – 211	3
_	High Intermediate ESL	212 – 216	4
5		217 – 221	5
6		222 – 224	6
6	Advanced ESL	225 – 227	7
		228 – 231	8
	Exit Advanced ESL	232 and above	9+





NRS-approved Assessments for ABE/ASE

- Which assessments are new?
- What do we know about the new assessments?
- Do we need new training to administer these tests?

Approved NRS Test Status for <u>ABE Learners</u>

ABE / ASE Assessments					
	Reading	Math			
GOM S	Reading GOALS	CASAS Math GOALS is no longer approved for NRS reporting.			
GOXLS	Approved through June 30, 2025	Destroy/shred all copies!			
GOASAS	(Submitted for approval)	New! Math GOALS 2 Approved through July 13, 2030!			



CASAS GOALS Assessments for ABE

CASAS Reading GOALS – CASAS Math GOALS 2

- <u>Greater Opportunities for Adult Learning Success</u>
- Reading test is designed for learners for whom English is their first language,
 OR English language learners who have earned a 241 or higher on STEPS
- ELLs can be given the math test if math skills are going to be addressed. The learner could have an ESL Reading EFL* and an ABE Math EFL*.
- Both Reading and Math series are aligned with the College and Career Readiness Standards

* EFL – Educational Functioning Level

Math GOALS 2 series



Math GOALS 2 for ABE/ASE

https://www.casas.org/productoverviews/assessments/math-goals-2

- 5 levels in the series (A to E), 2 forms per level
- Aligned to the College and Career Readiness (CCR) standards
- Similar content and item types as in Math GOALS, expanded, enhanced
- CASAS GOALS 2 is the only CASAS math test approved for NRS reporting. If ELL curriculum will include a math focus, this test can be used for your learners. Learners will have an ABE Educational Functioning Level (EFL).
- Administration protocol remains the same as Math GOALS





2 Levels AB and CD

Levels 1-6

CCR Standards and CASAS Competencies

TEST Levels

NRS Levels

Proficiency
Standards &
Competencies

5 Levels A, B, C, D, E

Levels 1-6

CCR Standards and CASAS Competencies



CASAS GOALS Math 2

College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education

Susan Pimentel 2013



Content Area and CCRS Content Descriptions

Number Sense and Operations

Number and Operations: Base Ten Number and Operations: Fractions

Number System

Ratios and Proportional Relationships

Number and Quantity: The Real Number System

Algebraic Thinking

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Expressions and Equations

Functions

Algebra: Arithmetic and Polynomials and Rational Exponents

Algebra: Reasoning with Equations and Inequalities

Algebra: Creating Equations

Functions: Interpreting Functions

Functions: Linear, Quadratic, and Exponential Models

Geometry and Measurement

Geometry

Measurement and Data Geometry: Congruence

Geometry: Similarity, Right Triangles, and Trigonometry

Geometry: Geometric Measurement and Dimension

Geometry: Modeling with Geometry

Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability

Measurement and Data Statistics and Probability

Statistics and Probability: Interpreting Categorical and Quantitative Data

*citation: image taken from CASAS \$4-2023

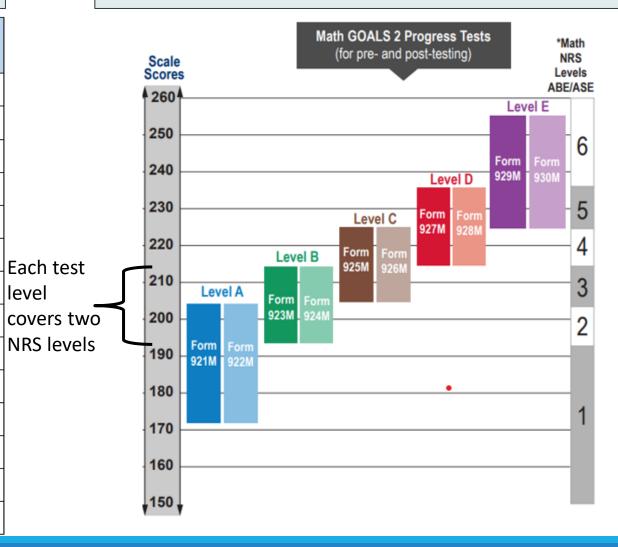
Math GOALS 2



NRS Level Breakdown

NRS ABE/ASE Levels	ABE/ASE Level Names	Math GOALS 2 Scale Score Ranges	Grade Level
1	Beginning ABE Literacy	183 and below	K
_	beginning Abe Literacy	184 – 192	1
2	Beginning Basic Education	193 – 198	2
2	Beginning Basic Education	199 – 203	3
3	Low Intermediate Education	204 – 208	4
3	Low Intermediate Education	209 – 213	5
4	Middle Intermediate Education	214 – 220	6
4	Widdle Intermediate Education	221 – 224	7
E	Ligh Intermediate Education	225 – 228	7
5	High Intermediate Education	229 – 235	8
		236 – 240	9
	Adult Secondary Education	241 – 244	10
6		245 – 248	11
		249 and above	12

Test Level Breakdown



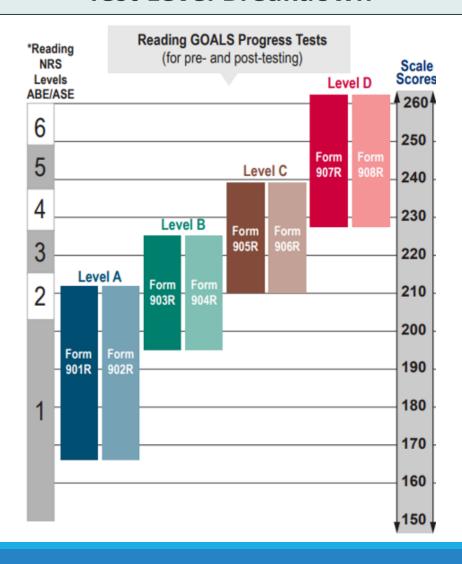
Reading GOALS

NRS Level Breakdown

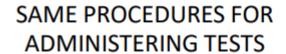
NRS ABE/ASE Levels	ABE/ASE Level Names	Reading GOALS Scale Score Ranges	Grade Level
1	Beginning ABE Literacy	193 and below	K
		194 – 203	1
2	Beginning Basic Education	204 – 210	2
	beginning basic Education	211 – 216	3
3	Low Intermediate Basic Education	217 – 222	4
	Low intermediate basic Education	223 – 227	5
	High Intermediate Basic Education	228 – 230	6
4		231 – 234	7
		235 – 238	8
5	Low Adult Secondary Education	239 – 243	9
3		244 – 248	10
6	High Adult Secondary Education	249 – 253	11
	Thigh Addit Secondary Education	254 and above	12



Test Level Breakdown









SAME TEST SECURITY
GUIDELINES





PRECONFIGURED TESTING SESSIONS



NEW BOOKLETS FOR PAPER TESTERS



The Tests

FAQs

- How do I prepare my students for these tests?
- What can I use for my pre-lit learners?
- Test scores
- How will the STEPS test assess academic vocabulary?
- Is algebra tested at all levels?
- Will I see geometry throughout the levels?

Sample Test Items

Reading GOALS

Math GOALS 2

STEPS Reading

STEPS Listening

Sample Test Items:

- Not actual tests
- Not predictors of student performance
- Not valid for level placement, assessment, or for reporting standardized scores

Use Sample Test Items to:

- Familiarize and give students practice with CASAS items
- Make future testing go smoothly
- Help reduce student test-taking anxiety



Beginning Literacy Students

What test should I administer to my pre-lit learners since Beginning Lit 27/28 are no longer approved?

Beginning Literacy learners should be tested with STEPS Level A (Forms 621 and 622).

- > 73% of the test questions on STEPS Level A are similar to Beginning Literacy content on Forms 27 and 28.
- More than 50% of the content focuses on high frequency vocabulary (43% using photos and 15% text).



Dec.

March 29, 1984

A. shirts B. shoes C. shorts

October
 November

C. December D. January

THE ISSUE!!



Level A Inaccurate Scores

Students with low levels of literacy

- Need to place students into NRS Level 1
- Need to assign scale score for reporting



- Learners only need to get 4 correct answers to earn a scaled score.
- ➤ If a student gets only 1, 2, or 3 correct, they still receive the lowest scale score – no invalid scores in STEPS Level A (Reading or Listening!

Question: How do we test Beginning Literacy students?

- 1. Follow the <u>CASAS Intake Screening Process for STEPS</u>, substituting our revised <u>Intake Summary</u> for page 12. The proctor should maintain a close presence with the tester.
- 2. Use the Reading Screening to determine learner's literacy skills (don't just rely on student self-assessment).
- 3. Use the <u>CASAS Level A Inaccurate Scores: Change to</u>
 <u>Assign a Scale Score</u> document to score the test (unless the learner has a raw score higher than 4, in which case the original scoring guide in the Test Administration Manual should be consulted.)
- 4. The score should be recorded in SiD, and in TOPSpro if eTests might be a posttest option.







Question: How do we test Beginning Literacy students?

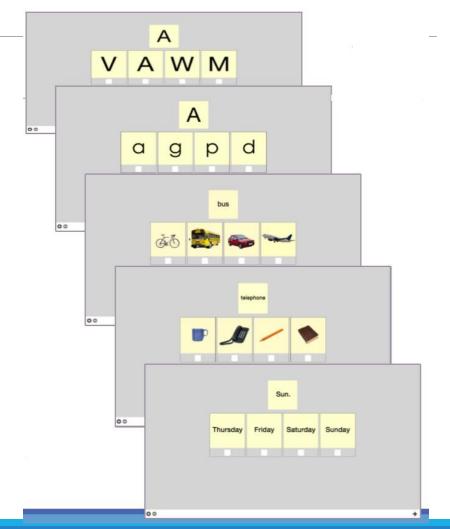
Intake Screening Summary

The flowchart below shows a summary of the CASAS intake screening process.

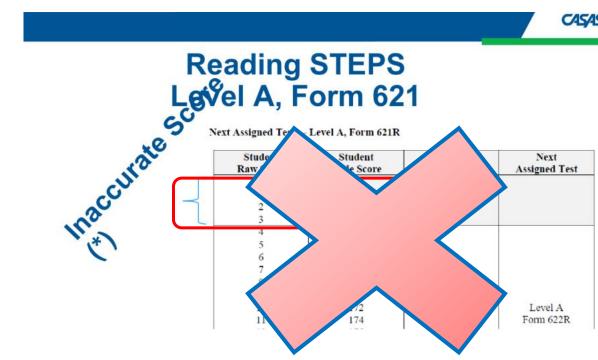


Beginning Literacy Screening

- Administer 5 reading questions from Intake Screening
- If some difficulty, after some instruction administer Level A (Form 621 or 622)
- If little or no difficulty, administer Level A (Form 621 or 622)







Notice came out Fall 2024. You will need to update your Test **Administration Manual with**

A, Form 621R Student le Score Assigned Test	Administration Manual with this scoring information! Updated Reading STEPS Level A, Form 621 Next Assigned Tests - Level A, Form 621R Student Student NRS Raw Score Scale Score Level Assigned Tests - Leve			ith
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	Raw Score	Scale Score	Level	Assigned Test
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~	2	160	1	Form 622R
	3	160		
X.	4	160		
`*\^\	5	162		
	7	167		
	8	169		
	9	171		
	10	172	1	Level A
	11	174		Form 622R



CASAS Aids to Utilize Test Results

Go to https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/assessments to learn more about the assessment(s) you are using.

- Test forms, timing, and scale score ranges
- Grade level equivalents
- Test blueprints
- TOPSpro reports

Test Timing for **STEPS Test Series**



**Students must be allowed up to the time listed to complete the test, but most students will finish the test in less time.

Source: www.casas.org

Reading STEPS – Forms/Timing/Score Ranges

CASAS Level	Form Number	Number of Test Items	Test Time*	Scale score ranges**
Appraisal	619R	28	30 minutes	
Locator	620R	14	15 minutes	
А	Forms 621R - 622R	33	30 minutes 15	160 - 196
В	Forms 623R - 624R	36	50 minutes 30	184 - 206
С	Forms 625R - 626R	36	75 minutes 45	197 - 216
D	Forms 627R - 628R	36	75 minutes 51	207 - 227
E	Forms 629R - 630R	36	75 minutes <mark>56</mark>	217 - 251

*Average Test Time in Red

Listening STEPS – Forms/Timing/Score Ranges

CASAS Level	Form Number	Number of Test Items	Test Time*	Scale score ranges**
Appraisal	619L	28	30 minutes	
Locator	620L	14	15 minutes	
А	Forms 621L - 622L	33	28 minutes 16	158 - 191
В	Forms 623L - 624L	36	45 minutes 29	182 - 201
С	Forms 625L - 626L	39	52 minutes 35	192 - 211
D	Forms 627L - 628L	39	56 minutes 40	202 - 221
Е	Forms 629L - 630L	39	38 minutes 31	212 - 235

Test Timing for Reading GOALS



and
Math GOALS 2GOALS 2

Reading GOALS – Forms/Timing/Score Ranges

CASAS Level	Form Number	Number of Test Items	Test Time*	Scale score ranges
Locator	104 R	12	15 minutes	
Appraisal	900R	28	30 minutes	
А	Forms 901R – 902R	39	60 minutes	165 - 212
В	Forms 903R – 904R	40	75 minutes	196 - 225
С	Forms 905R – 906R	40	75 minutes	210 - 238
D	Forms 907R – 908R	40	75 minutes	228 - 262

Math GOALS 2 – Forms/Timing/Score Ranges

CASAS Level	Form Number	Number of Test Items	Test Time*	Scale score ranges**
Appraisal	919M	28	30 minutes	
Locator	920M	14	15 minutes	
А	Forms 921M - 922M	33	50 minutes	171 - 203
В	Forms 923M - 924M	36	65 minutes	193 - 213
С	Forms 925M - 926M	36	75 minutes	204 - 224
D	Forms 927M - 928M	36	75 minutes	214 - 235
E	Forms 929M - 930M	36	90 minutes	225 - 255

^{**}Students must be allowed up to the time listed to complete the test, but most students will finish the test in less time.

Below Accurate Range (*)		g GOALS Example	
These score points are <i>below the accurate range</i> of a test form and marked with an asterisk (*).	Raw Score	Scale Score	
These score points are <i>inaccurate</i> and <i>cannot be reported</i>	1	K	
for pre- or post-testing.	2	*	Below Accurate
Retesting is required to get an accurate range score.	3	*	_
Retest on a lower-level form.	4	*	Range
	5	*	
	6	*	
	7	*	
	8	*	
	9	*	
		240	
	11	210	
Accurate Range	13	211	
These score points are within the accurate range of a test	14	213	
form.	15	215	
These are valid scores.	16	216	-
	17	217	
Scale scores can be used –	18	219	
 For <i>Pretest</i> results to set the baseline score for 	19	220	
measuring growth at time of next test.	20	221	
 For Post-test results to document learning gains. 	21	222	A
Results are <i>reportable</i> for pre- and post-test scores.	22	223	Accurate
Retesting is not required.	23	224	Range
• Releasing is not required.	24	225	Range
	25	227	
	26	228	
	27	229	
	28	230	
	29 30	232	
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ability of students who perform very well on a test form. • Retesting is recommended for pretests.	37	238+	Estimate
Diamond scores are <i>reportable</i> unless your state or local	38	238♦	Range
program does not allow it.	40	238	



Test Score Ranges

Every test form has a unique raw-to-scale score conversion.

*Raw score = the number of correct answers on the test.

Scale score = the converted score from the raw score that allows for comparison between students and tests.

You will use the scale score (not the raw score) when reporting results.

CASAS eTests automatically scores each test and calculates the raw and scale score.



Content Standard Blueprints

STEPS Reading is aligned to the English Language Proficiency Standards. The content areas of focus include:

- High-frequency Vocabulary (Pictures)
- High-frequency Vocabulary (Text)
- Numbers
- Vocabulary

- Details
- Main Idea
- Inference
- Point of View and Supporting Evidence



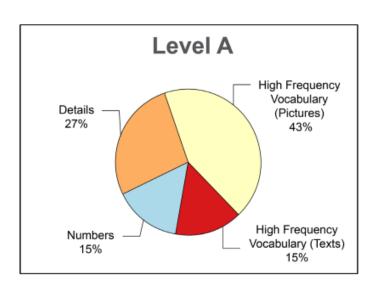


CASAS Reading STEPS Test Content Standard Blueprint - LEVEL A



DOWNLOAD AT

https://www.casas.org/productoverviews/assessments/readingsteps



NRS Educational Functioning Levels Levels 1 and 2

English Language Proficiency Standards Level 1

Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
High-frequency Vocabulary (Pictures) Photos Symbols	8	43%
High-frequency Vocabulary (Texts) Words on forms Abbreviations	8	15%
Numbers Time Number words Money and prices Number formatting	8	15%
Details Retell key details	1	27%

Reading STEPS Content Standard Blueprint

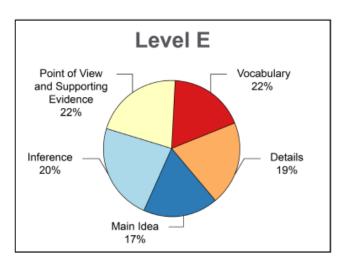


CASAS <u>Reading STEPS</u> Test Content Standard Blueprint - LEVEL E



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https://www.casas.org/productoverviews/assessments/readingsteps



NRS Educational Functioning Levels Levels 5 and 6

English Language Proficiency Standards Levels 4 and 5

Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
Vocabulary Understand academic vocabulary Understand words with multiple meanings	8	22%
Details Retell key details Locate/Compare details	1	19%
Main Idea Identify the main topic Identify an author's purpose	1	17%
Inference Infer/Draw conclusions	1	20%
Point of View and Supporting Evidence Identify an author's point of view Identify supporting evidence	6	22%

Content Standard Blueprints

STEPS Listening is aligned to the English Language Proficiency Standards. The content areas of focus include:

- Dialogue
- Vocabulary
- Details
- Main Idea
- Summary

CASAS <u>Listening STEPS</u> Test Content Standard Blueprint - LEVEL A

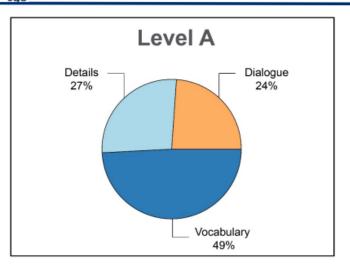


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Listening STEPS Content Standard Blueprint



NRS Educational Functioning Levels Levels 1 and 2

English Language Proficiency Standards Level 1

Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	24%
Vocabulary Understand high-frequency words	1	49%
Details Retell key details	1	27%

CASAS <u>Listening STEPS</u> Test Content Standard Blueprint - LEVEL E

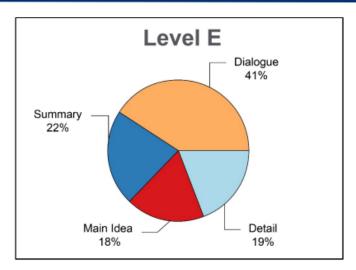


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Listening STEPS Content Standard Blueprint



NRS Educational Functioning Levels Levels 5 and 6

English Language Proficiency Standards Levels 4 and 5

Content Areas	ELP Standard	% of test items
Dialogue Continue the conversation	2	41%
Details Retell key details	1	19%
Main Idea Identify the main topic	1	18%
Summary Summarize	1	22%

Content Standard Blueprints

Math GOALS 2 is aligned to the College and Career Readiness
Standards for Adult Education. The content areas of focus include:

- Number Sense and Operations
- Algebraic Thinking
- Geometry and Measurement
- Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability

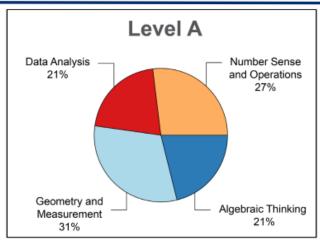
CASAS GOALS Math 2 Content Standard Blueprint - LEVEL A



https://www.casas.org/productoverviews/assessments/math-goals-2



Math GOALS 2 Content Standard Blueprint



NRS Educational Functioning Levels Levels 1 and 2

College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS)
Levels A and B

Content Area	CCRS	% of test items
Number Sense and Operations Understand place value Compute using the four operations	NBT	27%
Algebraic Thinking Apply properties of the four operations Determine unknown numbers	OA	21%
Geometry and Measurement Compare shapes Solve perimeter and area problems Measure with non-standard and metric units Solve problems using time and liquid volumes	G MD	31%
Data Analysis Interpret simple data sets, bar graphs and line graphs Solve one- and two-step problems using bar graphs	MD	21%

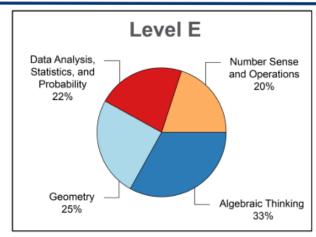
CASAS GOALS Math 2 Content Standard Blueprint - LEVEL E



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Math GOALS 2 Content Standard Blueprint



NRS Educational Functioning Levels
Levels 5 and 6

College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS)
Levels D and E

Content Area	CCRS	% of test items
Number Sense and Operations Solve multi-step problems using rates and proportional relationships Understand radicals and irrational numbers	NS RN	20%
Algebraic Thinking Solve problems involving inequalities, pairs of simultaneous linear equations, and quadratic expressions Understand and use function notation Rearrange formulas to highlight a quantity of interest	EE F A.APR A.REI A.CED F.LE F.IF	33%
Geometry Solve real-world problems involving volume and surface area Apply the Pythagorean theorem in real-world contexts and on the coordinate plane Solve problems involving similarity and congruence Understand the concept of density based on area and volume	G G.CO G.SRT G.GMD G.MG	25%
Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability Understand and apply the concept of probability Use 2-way tables to interpret bivariate data Interpret and compare data sets, including comparisons of statistical variability	SP S.ID	22%

Competency Blueprints

The CASAS Competencies identify more than 360 essential life skills that adults need to be functionally competent members of the community, their family, and the workforce. These competencies provide instructional objectives for curriculum.

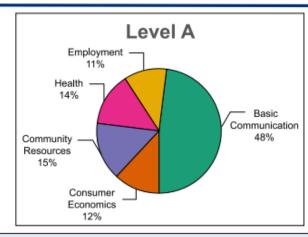
CASAS Reading STEPS Test Competency Blueprint - LEVEL A



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Reading STEPS Competency Blueprint



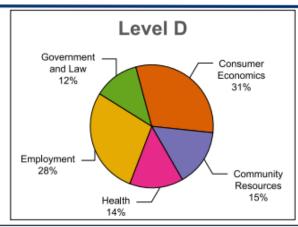
Competency Areas	% of test items
Basic Communication O.1 Communicate in interpersonal interactions O.2 Communicate regarding personal information	48%
1. Consumer Economics 1.1 Use measurement and money 1.2 Use information to identify and purchase goods and services 1.5 Understand how to manage household finances	12%
2. Community Resources 2.2 Understand how to locate and use different types of transportation and interpret travel-related information 2.3 Understand concepts of time and weather 2.5 Use community agencies and services	15%
3. Health 3.1 Understand how to access and use the health care system 3.2 Understand forms related to health care 3.5 Understand basic principles of health maintenance	14%
4. Employment 4.1 Understand basic principles of getting a job 4.2 Understand wages, benefits, employee rights, and concepts of employee organizations 4.4 Understand concepts and materials related to job performance and training 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	11%

CASAS Reading STEPS Test Competency Blueprint - LEVEL E





Reading STEPS Competency Blueprint



Competency Areas	% of test items
1. Consumer Economics 1.2 Use information to identify and purchase goods and services 1.4 Understand methods and procedures to obtain housing and related services 1.5 Understand how to manage household finances 1.6 Understand consumer protection measures 1.7 Understand procedures for the care, maintenance, and use of personal possessions	31%
2. Community Resources 2.2 Understand how to locate and use different types of transportation and interpret travel-related information 2.5 Use community agencies and services 2.7 Understand aspects of society and culture 2.8 Understand how to access and use educational systems and services	15%
3. Health 3.1 Understand how to access and use the health care system 3.4 Understand basic safety measures and health risks 3.5 Understand basic principles of health maintenance 3.6 Understand basic health and medical information	14%
4. Employment 4.1 Understand basic principles of getting a job 4.3 Understand work-related safety standards and procedures 4.4 Understand concepts and materials related to job performance and training 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	28%
5. Government and Law 5.4 Understand information about taxes and fees 5.6 Understand civic responsibilities and activities	12%



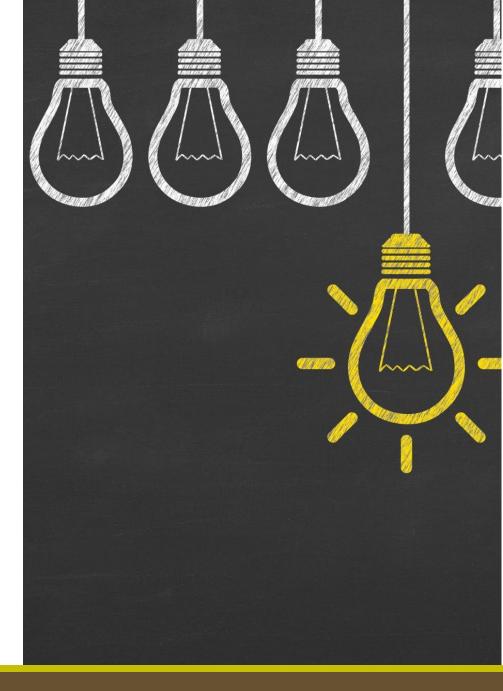
TOPSpro Reports

If you have been using eTesting, then you have access to TOPSpro.

TOPSpro Enterprise Sample Reports

Go to https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/software/topspro-enterprise/sample-reports#SkillsProfile to learn more about the available reports you can generate.

- Content Standard Performance
- Competency Performance
- Individual Skills Profile
- Score Reports
- NRS Federal Reports



CASAS Reading STEPS Student Content **Standard Performance** - LEVEL D

Shows student's performance on a given test form (Also available by class)





Student Content Area

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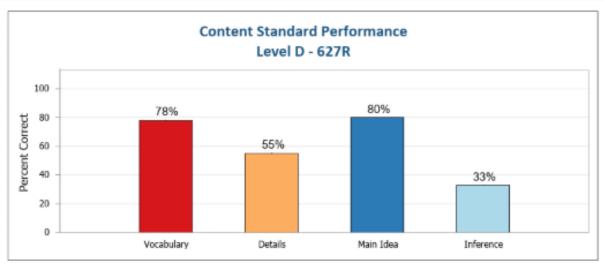
4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS) Level Scale: CASAS STEPS Reading

1-1 Site: Form Level:

N/A Class: Student: Last name, First Name Teacher: Scale Score: 220

N/A Raw Score: 23

627R - Reading STEPS Level D Form:



English Language Proficiency Standards Reading Content Areas	ELP Standard	N	% Correct
Vocabulary Understand academic vocabulary Understand words with multiple meanings	8	9	78 %
Details Retell key details Locate/Compare details	1	11	55 %
Main Idea Identify the main topic Identify an author's purpose Identify an author's point of view	1, 6	10	80 %
Inference Infer/Draw conclusions	1	6	33 %

CASAS <u>Reading STEPS</u> Student Competency Performance - LEVEL D

Shows how a student responded with respect to the competencies measured on the test form. (Also available by class)





Student Competency Area

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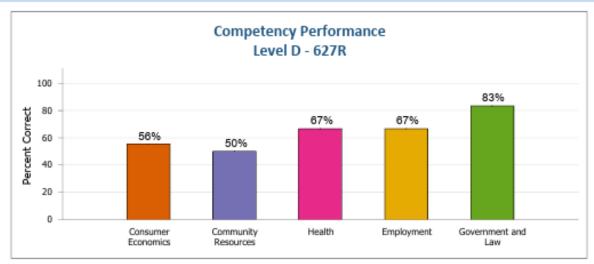
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Site: 1-1 Form Level: 0

Class: N/A Student: Last name, First Name 12120811

Teacher: N/A Raw Score: 23 Scale Score: 220

Form: 627R - Reading STEPS Level D



Competency Areas	N	% Correct
Consumer Economics Apply principles of comparison shopping for goods & services Apply principles of budgeting and management of money	9	56%
Community Resources 2.2 Understand how to locate and use transportation 2.8 Interpret information about the educational system, from early childhood to post-secondary	6	50%
Health 3.5 Understand basic principles of health maintenance	3	67%
4. Employment 4.3 Understand work-related safety standards and procedures 4.4 Understand concepts and materials related to job performance 4.6 Communicate effectively in the workplace	12	67%
Government and Law S.6 Understand civic responsibilities and activities	6	83%



Individual Skills Profile

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Ann Lara

Agency: 4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS)

ID# 12335610

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			Scale	NRS	Form	N	Number of Items		
Most Re	cent Form	Date	Score	Level	Level	Total	Correct	Attempted	
Listening	623L	10/02/2023	201 +	3	В	36	31	34	
Reading	627R	10/02/2023	215	4	D	36	18	35	

Reading Competencies	N	Correct
Consumer Economics	9	33 %
Community Resources	6	16%
Health	3	33 %
Employment	12	83 %
Government and Law	6	50 %

English Language Proficiency Standards Reading Content Areas	ELP Standard	N	Correct
Vocabulary Understand academic vocabulary Understand words with multiple meanings	8	9	44 %
Details Rotell key details Locate/Compare details	1	11	55 %
Main Idea Identify the main topic Identify an author's purpose Identify an author's point of view	1, 6	10	60 %
Inference Infer/Draw conclusions	1	6	33 %

Listening Competencies	N	Correct
Basic Communication	10	90%
Consumer Economics	4	100%
Community Resources	6	83 %
Health	6	83 %
Employment	10	80 %

English Language Proficiency Standards Listening Content Areas	ELP Standard		Correct
Dislogue Continue the conversation	2	14	93 %
Details Retell key details	1	16	88 %
Main Idea Identify the main topic	1	6	67 %

Reading Task Areas	N	Correct
Forms	7	57%
Charts, tables, and graphs	4	75 %
Texts, emails, articles, and narratives	16	56%
Signs, ads, and labels	9	22 %

NRS Ed	Educational Functioning Levels CASAS Score Ranges		ore Ranges
EFL	ESL	STEPS Reading	STEPS Listening
1	ESL Level 1	183 & below	181 & below
2	ESL Level 2	184-196	182-191
3	ESL Level 3	197-206	192-201
4	ESL Level 4	207-216	202-211
5	ESL Level 5	217-227	212-221
6	ESL Level 6	228 & above	222 & above



Individual Skills Profile

The Individual Skills Profile (ISP) shows student performance in several areas. It lists the <u>tests taken</u>, <u>form numbers</u>, <u>scale scores</u>, <u>NRS levels</u>, and <u>grade level equivalents</u> (optional).

The report displays the CASAS Competency areas on the left side. On the right side, the report shows content standards results. The report also indicates student performance in the CASAS Task Areas.

A <u>High School Equivalency (HSE) Predictor</u> would display automatically if the student achieved an appropriate score to indicate the likelihood of passing an HSE test.

Available in both TE Basic and Enhanced Packages.

CASAS Reading GOALS Personal Score Report from TOPSpro- LEVEL D

Gives a summary of student's results and describes student's current skill level based on their scale score.



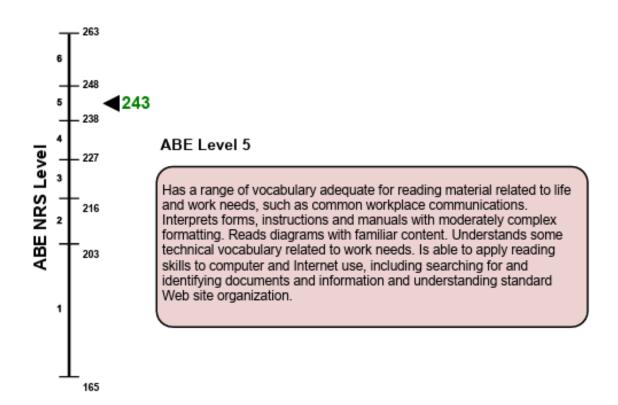
Personal Score Report

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Student Sample - 5615969

Agency: 4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS) Class: 020101 - AM: HSD/HSE
Site 01 - RHAS: North Campus Teacher: Teacher20@rhas.org

Modality	Test Form	Test Level	Test Date	Scale Score	NRS Level
Reading	907R	D	12/10/2019	243	ABE Level 5



Reading and Listening Skill Level Descriptors for ESL

Describes student's current skill level based on their scale score.







Reading and Listening Skill Level Descriptors for ESL - STEPS

ESL Level*	Descriptors
6	Advanced ESL Reading: Can understand complex texts such as operating instructions, work reports, and manuals containing workplace and technical vocabulary. Can analyse and evaluate the reasoning in persuasive texts, determine central ideas or themes and identify supporting ideas. Can determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases as well as idiomatic language in some academic and professional texts. Listening: Can participate in conversations and extended discussions about a range of substantive topics, texts, and issues. Can understand extended speech on a range of topics such as detailed presentations, meetings, and media broadcasts to summarize claims and evidence.
5	High Intermediate ESL Reading: Can understand the overall structure of most written materials in everyday and workplace communications and diagrams. Can apply reading skills to searching for documents and information online efficiently. Has proficiency with some technical vocabulary related to work needs and a growing number of idiomatic expressions which aid in understanding website organization and business correspondence. Listening: Can participate in routine conversations, discussions, and exchanges of information about a range of work and life topics and issues delivered at a normal rate. Can understand instructions in a variety of contexts.
4	Low Intermediate ESL Reading: Can understand text in formats such as tables, checklists, and more detailed forms in the workplace. With help, can cite specific details from and summarize texts such as routine emails and webpage content. Using context, can determine the meaning of general words and phrases and frequently occurring expressions in written texts about familiar every day and work contexts, such as in simple written instructions and basic terms in common computer applications. Listening: Can integrate the ideas of multiple speakers in routine conversations and answer relevant questions about familiar topics. Can follow basic rules for discussion and ask questions to gain information and clarify understanding.
3	High Beginning ESL Reading: Can understand simple material on familiar topics such as workplace notices, advertisements, and common forms. With support, can identify the main topic and locate information in short familiar texts and ordered lists. Can determine the meaning of frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in written texts about familiar topics such as basic directions, schedules, signs, maps, and menus. Listening: Can take turns in interactions with others and respond to simple wh- questions with noticeable ease. Can participate in and understand the main idea of conversations about familiar topics and contexts.
2	Low Beginning ESL Reading: Can understand transportation, health, and workplace signs with multiple words or symbols and can comprehend short texts such as simple work forms. Can understand frequently occurring words, simple phrases, and formulaic expressions beyond basic needs such as in labels and work schedules. Listening: Can understand common yes/no questions and wh- questions on familiar topics. Can actively listen to and participate in short conversations about familiar contexts and topics such as simple greetings and introductions, and workplace instructions.
1	Beginning ESL Literacy Reading: Can understand very common words and symbols to meet basic personal and survival needs. Can understand important information on flyers and signs, such as time, days of the week, months, years, and numbers 1-100. Can recognize the meaning of some frequently occurring words and phrases on simple public signs and very basic forms. Listening: Can understand simple yes/no questions and some wh- questions. With limited involvement, can participate in short conversations involving simple greetings and introductions. Can minimally comprehend isolated words and phrases (e.g., recognizing basic commands).

^{*}National Reporting System's (NRS) Educational Functioning Levels (EFLs) for ESL

When do CASAS eTests expire?



CASAS eTests never expire and are not attached to specific testing modalities which makes CASAS eTests units super flexible. CASAS eTests can be used interchangeably for **Reading, Math, and Listening** assessments all year and beyond.

Now that you've completed Recertification..... Next Steps

- ➤ ADVISE YOUR DATA MANAGER to record your <u>CASAS</u>

 Recertification Training in SiD (under the Staff History →

 Training Tab)
- If you need a "Certificate of Attendance" (CEU) to verify today's attendance, send an email request to Marty at martha.olsen@gmail.com or comment in chat.

Questions?

Email Marty Olsen – martha.olsen@gmail.com

PowerPoint and Links can be found at

https://www.mnabeassessment.com/presentations

(select links under CASAS Recertification – April 2025)

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