

Currently Approved Assessments

Minnesota has authorized the CASAS, TABE and BEST Plus standardized assessments for use in establishing NRS educational functioning levels. Additionally, assessments within these test systems:

- Are appropriate for measuring literacy and language development of adult learners,
- Have standardized administration and scoring procedures,
- Have alternate, equivalent, forms for pre- and post-testing, and
- Have evidence linking them to the NRS Educational Functioning Levels.

BEST Plus

For Levels: **ESL 1-6**

<i>Name/Series</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Forms/Levels</i>	<i>Approval Date</i>
Basic English Skills Test (BEST) Plus 2.0	ESL	Computer-Adaptive, Paper Form	D, E, F	Now-June 30, 2024*

CASAS

For Levels: **ABE 1-6**

<i>Name/Series</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Forms/Levels</i>	<i>Approval Date</i>
GOALS	Reading	Computer Form, Paper Form	901R-908R	Now-February 5, 2025*
GOALS	Math	Computer Form, Paper Form	900, 913, 914, 917, 918	Now-June 30, 2024*

For Levels: **ESL 1-6**

<i>Name/Series</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Forms/Levels</i>	<i>Approval Date</i>
Beginning Literacy	Reading	Computer Form, Paper Form	27 and 28	Now-June 30, 2024*
Life and Work	Reading	Computer Form, Paper Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level A: 81, 82, 81X, 82X • Level B: 83, 84 • Level C: 85, 86, 185, 186 • Level D: 187, 188 	Now-June 30, 2024*
Life and Work	Listening	Computer Form, Paper Form	981L-986L	Now-June 30, 2024*

TABE

For Levels: **ABE 1-6**

Name/Series	Content	Format	Forms/Levels	Approval Date
11 and 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading• Math• Language	Computer-based Paper-based	L (Literacy) E (Easy) M (Medium) D (Difficult) A (Advanced)	Now-February 7, 2024*

*Please note that Approval Date has been extended. The Department of Education has set a sunset date for these tests. After the sunset date, these tests will no longer be valid for reporting purposes.

Learners should be assessed in the modality(s) that most closely match the needs and instructional plans identified in the required personal education planning process. Note that all participants must be pre- and post-tested with an approved form in an approved test series in at least one approved content and format.