

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-February 2, 2023* |

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-March 7, 2023* |

For Levels: **ESL 1-6**

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|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Beginning Literacy | Reading | Computer Form, Paper Form | 27 and 28 | Now-February 2, 2023* |
| 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-February 2, 2023* |
| Life and Work | Listening | Computer Form, Paper Form | 981L-986L | Now-February 2, 2023* |

TABE

For Levels: **ABE 1-6**

| <i>Name/Series</i> | <i>Content</i> | <i>Format</i> | <i>Forms/Levels</i> | <i>Approval Date</i> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 could be extended, if the federal government extends the approved usage dates.

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.