

News & Updates Webinar – March 18, 2020 -- CASAS Responses to Questions from Chat

	Chat Question	CASAS Response to be Posted
1	<p>Can we test remotely?</p> <p>Universities are using video proctoring to administer their online assessments. Is CASAS doing something to enable such functions to clients from home?</p>	<p>As of March 27, 2020:</p> <p>On March 27, 2020, OCTAE released guidance on administration of NRS-approved tests during the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>CASAS will be adding a field in TOPSpro Enterprise to indicate students who were not tested due to an inability to conduct in-person testing due to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>CASAS is actively exploring the feasibility of several options that may be possible for remote pre- and post-testing of CASAS standardized tests used in WIOA programs. We will communicate with you as we learn more.</p> <p>In the meantime, programs are not permitted to do any remote CASAS testing. A proctor must be physically present to administer all CASAS tests.</p> <p>Please refer to the CASAS website for updates at: https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/2020/03/27/casas-testing-during-the-covid-19-pandemic</p>
2	<p>Does "no testing" apply to correctional adult schools?</p>	<p>No, as long as a proctor is physically present.</p>
3	<p>Must tests be given at a school or can it be given at another location as long as a proctor is present?</p>	<p>CASAS tests may be given at another location with a certified proctor. For eTests, the computer station must be registered. Please refer to CASAS guidelines for a secure test environment (e.g., students are 3 feet apart, etc.) at: https://www.casas.org/about-casas/privacy-and-copyright-policy</p>
4	<p>Is this the same for the ESL CASAS to view the scores or is it different?</p>	<p>For ESL students, you can run the same reports such as the Individual Skills Profile, Content Standards and Competency reports. One difference is that the CCR Standards are not referenced for the Life and Work Reading and Listening 980 series.</p>
5	<p>So the "N" on the report stands for number of questions on the test?</p>	<p>Yes, the "N" on an individual student report represents the number of test items on the test or for a particular skill area.</p>
6	<p>Is there any way not to export the last page (Criteria)?</p>	<p>Yes. In the "Output Layout Parameters" section, uncheck the box for "Include Criteria Info."</p>
7	<p>Is there a competency report for a class rather individuals?</p>	<p>Yes. "Reports > Test Results > Competency Performance > Competency Performance Summary" and change Reporting Level from Agency to Class.</p>
8	<p>Would you please show how to filter by a date range? And by a date range by class?</p>	<p>In most reports, one of the first sections at the top is "Date Range." Enter any "from" and "to" dates you like to define the range.</p>

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9	Could you explain more about Grade Level Equivalent?	CASAS recommends using CASAS scale scores for test reporting but if a Grade Level Equivalent (GLE) is required by a partner agency or training program, refer to the charts on the CASAS website to find the GLEs for each test series. Certain TE reports, such as the Individual Skills Profile and the Test Score Overview, include option check boxes to display GLE.
10	When I run for a whole class it is split up by test form, so it groups A level tests and B level tests and so on. Is there a way to group by class?	The content standards and competency reports can only be run by test form.
11	Are these reports something individual teachers can access or do we have to go through our site testing person?	Your TE Data Manager can assign access privileges and customize access rights for teachers/users.
12	Can we request a customized report? If so, who do we speak to?	Please email techsupport@casas.org . We might already have something to suit your needs.
13	What would be the NAT for someone who scored on NRS Level 6? Could they still get learning gains?	The NAT for a student who scores at NRS Level 6 would be for the alternate form at the same level as the last test. Depending on how high a student scored on the last test, the student could possibly show learning gains.
14	I would like to be able to compare a student's individual skills profile for his/her pre-test and post-test. Can I do a side-by-side comparison of these?	This is currently not possible for the Individual Skills Profile. CASAS is looking into adding this option to TE in the future. In the meantime, you can compare the content standards and competency reports in a two-page side-by-side view in TE.
15	I think it was slide 18. You gave the CCR standard. Any chance a future report will give performance on the CCR? For example the Student Performance by Content Standard report but instead of the CASAS Content Standards it is the CCR.	At this time, CASAS does not provide the same item-level reporting on the CCR as it does for the CASAS Standards. The Individual Skills Profile contains CCR test performance by major category and CCR skill area, with 3 or more test items per skill area to provide meaningful interpretation of test results.
16	Are CASAS standards aligned with Common Core standards?	Yes, the CASAS Reading Standards (2016, Second Edition) and the CASAS Math Standards are aligned to the CCR, and the CCR are aligned to the Common Core Standards. Regarding CASAS standards alignment with Common Core standards, go to: https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/curriculum-management-instruction/CCCS
17	Quick Search Question. Are the content standards updated to the 2016 version? Noticing RDG2.4 on the Student Performance report is different from RDG2.4 in Quick Search.	CASAS is updating this now and expects it to be done by May 2020.
18	My question is regarding accommodations. Does the	If you are asking about the standard default testing sessions provided by CASAS, such as "Accommodations:

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	accommodation testing sessions set up for pre and post?	Time + One Half," then those may be used for pretests and post-tests.
19	Will you be adding a Spanish test for ESL students?	CASAS does not have plans to develop a new Spanish test at this time. You may be interested in the CASAS Spanish Reading Comprehension Test in the CASAS online catalog but it is not NRS-approved.
20	Will there be some of these trainings at the Summer Institute?	Yes.
21	I would like to receive an update on future sessions.	To receive CASAS global emails that provide information about upcoming national webinars, follow these steps: a) Visit www.casas.org b) Click "Login" at top. c) Enter your email and password. d) Press Enter key or click "Login" button. e) Click your underlined name at top. f) Click "Edit Profile" button. g) Make sure box next to "Yes, I would like to receive email and newsletters" is checked. h) Click "Submit" button. Another alternative is to click this link and then log in: https://www.casas.org/ViewProfile Another alternative is to watch this helpful video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7wCL_I3H4I
22	Are these also uploaded to the CASAS YouTube account?	Yes.