

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Listening & Reading Field Testing – PY 2021 - 2022

1. Can field test forms be used as either pre or post-tests for the purpose of reporting student performance and learning gains?

No, these are field tests and cannot be used for reporting purposes.

2. Will field tests interfere with my students' next assigned test (NAT)?

No, field test results will not affect normal testing. They will not be included in any of the reports that are generated in TOPSpro Enterprise. This includes both paper and web-based testing.

3. Will our agency be charged for online administration of field tests (i.e., web-test units/WTUs)?

No, administration of field tests will not consume WTUs.

4. Will we be charged for paper field testing materials plus shipping for receiving and returning these materials?

No, CASAS will cover all shipping costs and will provide a return shipping label to agencies that participate in paper/pencil field testing.

5. Will students receive a score?

With *CASAS eTests Online*, a Personal Score Report will display on the test screen at the end of the field test with raw score results only. A spreadsheet that lists the number of correct responses for each student ID may be exported from the Test Results menu in *CASAS eTests Online*.

6. My agency does not currently assess ESL learners in Listening (or Reading). How do I best determine which level of Listening (or Reading) field test is most appropriate for each student?

A CASAS locator is administered first to determine the best level test to administer. In CASAS eTests the level test will be automatically administered. When paper testing, a CASAS appraisal is administered to determine the best level test to administer.

7. Who should fill out the Test Administrator Form?

The test administrator form is used with *paper testing only* and the teacher or proctor who administers the field test should complete this form. It is necessary to complete a separate form for each field testing event.

8. How many field tests will a student take?

Each student will be administered a Locator + one field test form. (An appraisal + one field test is administered for paper testing.) A second field test is available after the first has been completed for all students if they wish to take another one. You can decide whether or not you wish to administer the second field test. The field tests may be administered on the same day or on different days.

9. What is the purpose of the student survey?

We use the student input to help us understand the student's testing experience to improve the assessments.