

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Beginning ABE Literacy Reading

Item Level Field Testing

PY 2022 – 2023

1. Can field test forms be used as pre or post-tests for the purpose of reporting student performance and learning gains?
No, field tests are not approved and cannot be used for reporting purposes.
2. Can ESL students take the Beginning ABE Literacy Reading field tests?
No, only ABE students whose first language is English may participate in this study.
3. 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.
4. How is the test administered?
Field tests are administered via CASAS eTests or Paper and Pencil.
5. 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.
6. How will we access the field tests on CASAS eTests?
CASAS set up your agency with a special testing session for field testing, and will provide detailed instructions for accessing and administering the field test(s).
7. How will we get the paper tests?
CASAS will ship the paper testing materials directly to your agency with prepaid return labels, instructions and other testing information.
8. 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.
9. How many field tests will a student take?
You have the option to administer one and up to four field test forms to each student. There is no locator. The field tests may be administered on the same day or on different days. (CASAS does not recommend more than 2 tests per day.)