

# CASAS National News and Updates Webinar July 22, 2020

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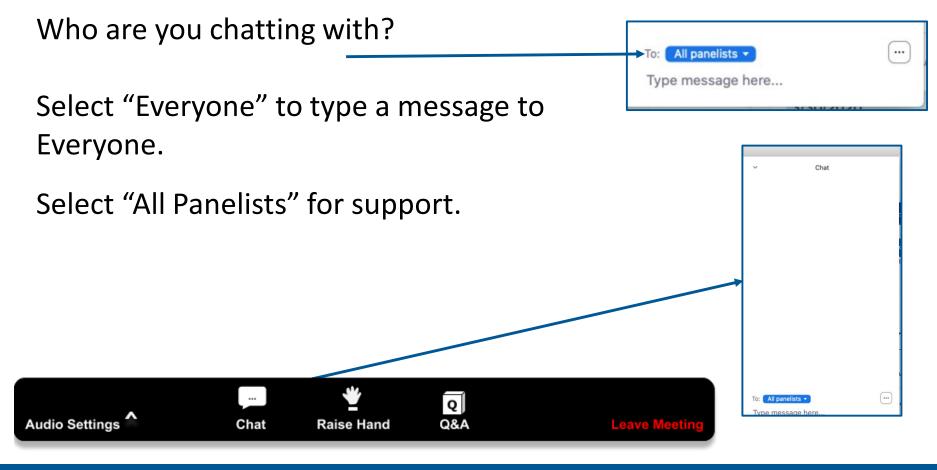
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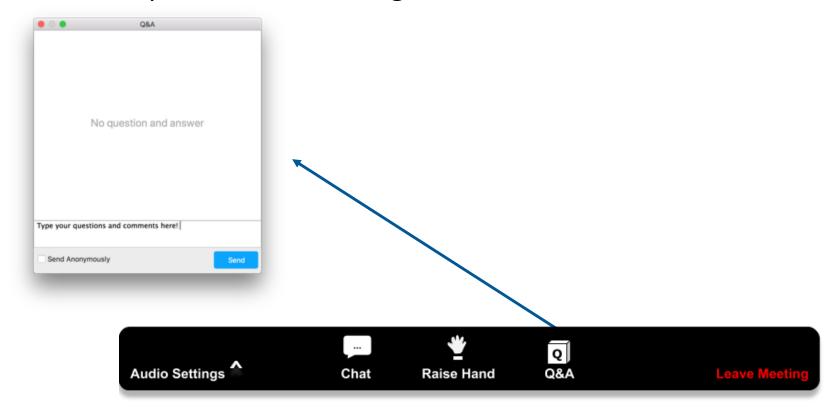
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### Agenda

- Purpose of this webinar informational, not a "training"
- Coming soon CASAS Reading Level Indicator for provisional placement on phones or other devices
- Remote Testing Overview and Update
- Promising Practice Presentation on Testing in Cars by Novi Adult School, Michigan
- New -- CASAS Implementation Training Modules
- New -- CASAS HSE Study Results for GED and HiSet
- Coming soon Accommodations for Test Takers with Vision Impairment/Blindness
- Field Testing Opportunities!





## **CASAS** "Reading Level Indicator" (RLI)



## **OCTAE** Guidance on Remote Testing

- OCTAE's April 17, 2020 (20-4) memo provides testing flexibility to states.
- States may "allow local programs to exempt students enrolled in distance education programs from pre- and post-testing if a local program is unable to conduct testing due to the widespread effect of the COVID-19 pandemic..." (Q2)
- OCTAE's May 29, 2020 memo (20-5)
  - Suggests informal assessment for provisional placement in an NRS level for Table 4.
  - Advises programs to administer an NRS-approved test as soon as possible and replace the provisional NRS level on Table 4, if necessary.



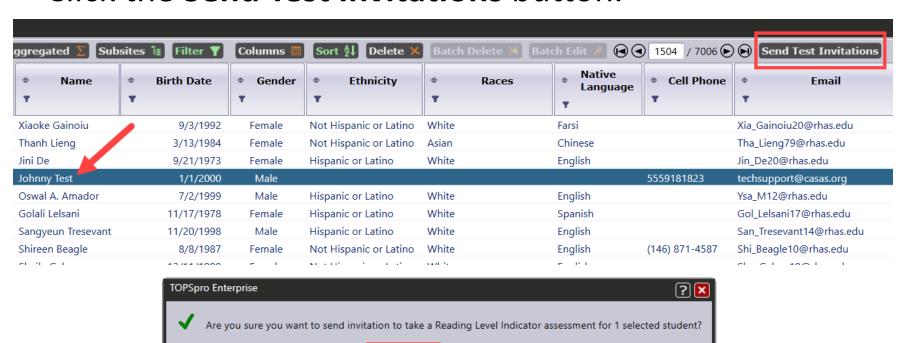
- Expected to be released by mid-August 2020.
- The Reading Level Indicator (RLI) may be used for provisional placement into an estimated NRS level that can be entered into NRS Table 4.
- Target audience:
   All ABE/ASE students and
   ESL students at NRS ESL Level 3 and above
- Modeled after a CASAS Reading Appraisal 28 items, 30 minutes.
- It contains non-secure test questions and may be given remotely without a proctor.
- May be given on a mobile phone, or on any other device.



- Available at no cost only to eTests/TE users.
- Results are shown as "Estimated NRS EFL" for ABE or ESL.
   No scale scores are given.
- It is NOT an NRS-approved test and may NOT be used for pre- or post-testing to achieve MSGs.
- The Reading Level Indicator (RLI) is Form 601R.
- The RLI will be released in early to mid-August.
  - Contact <u>jdspain@casas.org</u> if your agency would like to participate in a pilot starting the week of July 27<sup>th</sup>.



- Initiate the RLI by selecting students in TE's Student Demographics lister.
- Click the Send Test Invitations button.



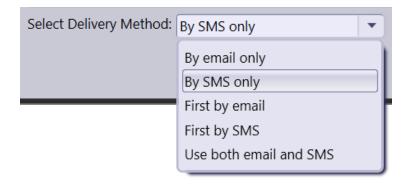
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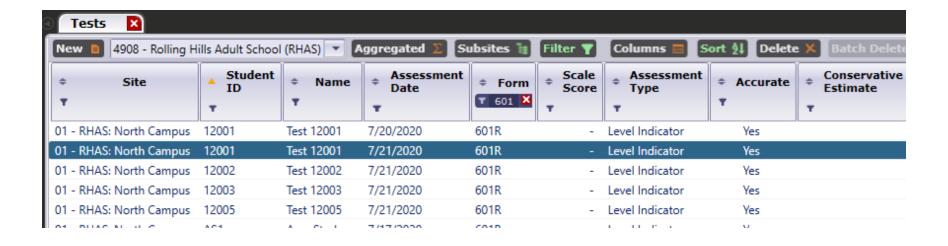


 You can deliver the invitation via SMS text message or email.





Results are seen in Records > Tests





## CASAS Remote Testing Overview and Update



## Remote Testing Benefits

- Pretest new students
  - baseline scores for NRS reporting
  - placement information to guide distance learning instruction
  - determine eligibility for workforce training
- Post-test to achieve MSGs
- Add flexibility by developing the capacity to offer multiple testing options, including testing distance learners.
- Make remote testing a regular and essential part of your program.



## Remote Testing Challenges

- Uncertainty about school openings!
- Equity concerns!
  - Proctor and student access to technology
    - Appropriate devices
    - Low internet bandwidth
  - Student test environment may lack privacy and a quiet place to test without distractions
- High staffing costs due to limitation of test taker to proctor ratio.
  - Difficult to test large numbers and maintain test security.



## Emerging Assessment Scenarios During (and After) COVID-19 Pandemic

#### **Remote Testing Only**

- 1:1 (one proctor, one test taker)
- Multiple test takers

#### Onsite Testing in 1 "Room"

- 1 room with social distancing
- Onsite in cars in parking lot with Wi-Fi hotspot

#### **Hybrid – Onsite and Remote Testing**

- Proctor is onsite with test takers who are all off site.
- Proctor is onsite with some test takers in same room and others in different rooms/remote.



## Multiple-Choice Tests for Remote Testing

- Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE
- Math GOALS for ABE/ASE
- Life and Work Reading for ESL
- Life and Work Listening 980 for ESL
- Any Appraisals
- For California EL Civics:Government & History for Citizenship



## 4 Approaches to Remote Testing

- 1:1 Remote Control
- 1:1 or Multiple Test Takers -- test takers on Windows 10 PCs
- 1:1 or Multiple Test Takers -- test takers on Chromebooks or iPads
- 1:1 Oral Responses

#### Each approach has unique:

- Detailed, step-by-step, scripted directions provided in the CASAS
   Remote Testing Guidelines document and in proctor training.
  - The Remote Testing Guidelines use Zoom as an example.
- Detailed technical requirements for proctors and test takers



### **CASAS** Remote Testing Summary

	Approach Description	1:1	Multiple Test Takers	Registers eTests on whose device?	Proctor Devices	Test Taker Devices*	Web Platform **	Smartphone for Proctor Monitoring
1	1:1 Remote Control	Yes	No	Proctor	Windows 10 PC	Mac, PC, iPad* or tablet*	Any with Remote Control & Screen Sharing	Recommended
2	1:1 or Multiple Test Takers on Windows 10 PC	Yes	Yes	Test Taker	PC, Mac, iPad, Chrome- book	Windows 10 PC	Any with Screen Sharing	Recommended
3	1:1 or Multiple Test Takers on Chromebooks or iPads	Yes	Yes	Test Taker	PC, Mac, iPad, Chrome- book	Chromebook in Kiosk mode or iPad in Guided Access Mode	Any with Screen Sharing	Yes
4	1:1 Oral Responses	Yes	No	Proctor	Windows 10 PC	Chromebook, Mac, iPad* or tablet*	Any with Screen Sharing	Recommended

<sup>\*</sup> See CASAS Remote Testing FAQs for screen size requirements.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Check web conferencing platform to ensure it has all required features for remote testing.



## Multiple Test Takers

- Proctor puts test takers in private breakout rooms to take the test.
- Proctor circulates to breakout rooms to monitor.
- Test takers can ask for assistance.
- More than one proctor, or a moderator and a proctor, can be used to make the process more secure and efficient.
- Test takers can simultaneously take more than one test form at a time (e.g., Reading GOALS, 903R and 905R).



## Agency Remote Testing Agreement

- Local agencies must already be set up to deliver CASAS eTests.
  - To transition to eTests, see the <u>Going Live Checklist</u>.
- Local agencies must submit this form prior to testing remotely.
  - One per agency
- Covers all CASAS NRS-approved tests for Pre/Post Testing
  - For California Agencies: Also includes EL Civics assessments
- This signed agreement attests that the agency will adhere to all privacy, test security, technology, test environment, and test administration requirements in the CASAS Remote Testing Guidelines.



## **Proctor Remote Testing Agreement**

- Proctors must agree to:
  - Follow all privacy, test security, technology, and test administration procedures and protocols in the CASAS Remote Testing Guidelines.
  - Document test takers' agreement not to take assistance from others.
- Covers all CASAS remote testing approaches.

#### Local agencies:

- are responsible for ensuring that their remote testing proctors are trained and are following remote testing protocols.
- should keep this on file with their Local Assessment Policy.



#### Going Remote!

- 1. Agency has already implemented CASAS eTests.
- 2. Read the Remote Testing Guidelines
- 3. Complete the Agency Remote Testing Agreement.
- Each Proctor completes the Proctor Remote Testing Agreement. (Optional – Proctor Remote Testing Training)
- 5. Verify proctor equipment and experience requirements.



#### Going Remote!

- 6. Identify test takers who have required technology
- 7. Register testing station(s).
  - For 1:1 register proctor's computer
  - For 1:1 or multiple test takers register each test taker's computer
- 8. Review/select testing session templates and sessions.
- 9. Conduct trial remote testing runs with colleagues
- 10. Go Remote!



## Registering Testing Stations Remotely

#### Register station with code

 See the new How-To video and also step-by-step directions with screen shots on the Remote Testing page on the CASAS website.

#### Register station with credentials remotely

- See Remote Testing Guidelines
- You can also use a testing station that was previously registered by adding it to the remote test session.



## Remote Testing Videos

#### **Register Stations**



#### 1:1 Remote Control



https://youtu.be/1ipRe4-8Tiw

https://youtu.be/uLoaw-BHo-s



## Remote Testing page on CASAS website

- "Remote Testing Updates" document
- Video Demonstration
- eTests Station Registration with Code new How-To video
- Proctor Remote Testing Certification
- Summary Chart
- Remote Testing Guidelines, Quick Reference Chart, FAQs
- Agency Remote Testing Agreement
- Proctor Remote Testing Agreement
- Going Remote! Checklist

California Agencies: Visit the separate CA Remote Testing page at casas.org.



## Promising Practice Presentation: Testing in Cars Novi Adult School, Michigan



## Local Program Considerations for Onsite and Remote Testing



### Social Distancing for Onsite Testing

- Some programs plan to offer onsite testing with social distancing, and remote testing as an option for students who are not comfortable coming in to test.
- What is acceptable social distancing?
  - 6 feet apart in all directions...
- Innovative ideas for implementing social distancing from agencies across the U.S.
  - Use a large room with laptops instead of a computer lab
  - Use a very large room with multiple proctors
  - Use a room or classroom with an outdoor entrance for safety



## Quotes from Local Agency Staff

- "Students are more relaxed taking the test at home."
- "Students seem to be performing as well as onsite maybe better!"
- "After the student starts the test, it doesn't seem to be taking more time to take the test remotely."
- "It's very helpful to practice with colleagues before testing students."
- "Where there's a will, there's a way!"
  - Linda Cianferra, Novi Adult School, MI, about the "Testing in Cars" model

Local agencies are discovering innovative ways to implement remote testing while following CASAS guidelines.



## Some Do's and Don'ts for Remote Testing

Reminder – remote testing is only permitted using eTests!

All remote testing must be proctored live and online.

#### It is **NOT permitted** to:

- copy, scan, or otherwise reproduce CASAS paper tests for any purpose.
- send NRS-approved paper tests to students to take at home.
- Be creative AND follow the guidelines to ensure test security.



### **Notes on Emerging Assessment Scenarios**

Determine procedures that work for your program.

- Start small and scale up to add more test takers when comfortable.
- Use more than one remote testing approach, if useful (e.g., 1:1 and multiple test takers).
- Involve intake clerks and tech support.
- Basic eTests monitoring rules apply
  - Ensure that cell phones are turned off and placed face down on the floor under their seats.
  - Circulate to monitor test takers, if onsite.
- Use native language before testing begins to support lower level ESL learners, if possible.



### **Training Updates**

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### **Training Topics**

- NEW Implementation Training Modules
- Recertification in the 2020-21 PY
- Online Training Website Tour



### **New Implementation Training**

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#### If you administer CASAS eTests



- Modules 1 and 2 (required)
- · Module 4 (recommended)

#### If you administer paper tests





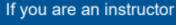


If you administer both CASAS eTests and paper tests



- · Modules 1, 2 and 3 (required)
- Module 4 (recommended)







- Module 1 (recommended)
- · Module 4 (recommended)
- Module 1: CASAS Implementation Basics
- Module 2: CASAS eTests Implementation
- Module 3: Paper Test Implementation
- Module 4: Test Results and Reports



### How to access training . . .

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- or -

**Online Training** 





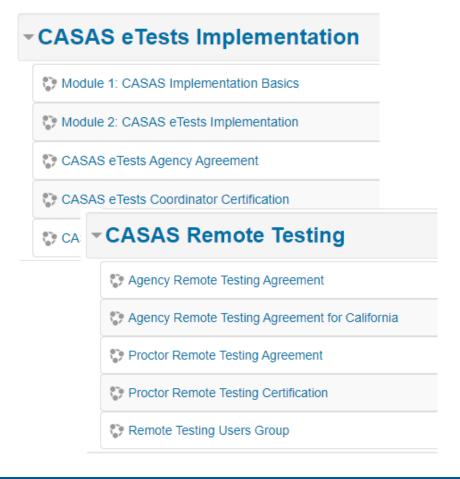
### Recertification in the 2020-21 PY

- Use the NEW Implementation Training Modules for recertification in the current program year.
- Direct staff to complete the modules that relate to their role in your program.
- Retired implementation training:
  - Implementation Basics Training (IBT)
  - Beyond Implementation Basics (BIB)



### **New Training Categories**

#### **Categories**



#### **Self-enrollment**

▼ Self enrollment (Training Participant)

No passcode required.

Enter here

http://training.casas.org/



### Remote Testing User Group

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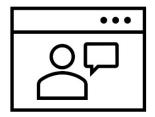
### Remote Testing User Group











#### WELCOME to the Remote Testing User Group!

The purpose of the Remote Testing User Group is to provide a forum for discussion, learning, and networking among adult educators engaged in all aspects of CASAS remote testing.

This user group will support:

- Exchange of ideas and solutions about implementing remote testing in general and on specific topics.
- Enhancement of current skills and referrals to training resources.
- Connectivity between people with needs and experience in remote testing.
- · Community building in an online environment.

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### Remote Testing User Group

- •Interested?
  - Email remotetesting@casas.org
- In the email include:
  - 1. Your name and contact information
  - 2. The name of your agency and state
  - 3. The web platform you are using
  - 4. The remote testing approach(es) you are currently using or are interested in using:
    - 1:1 Remote Control
    - 1:1 or Multiple Test Takers on Windows 10 PC
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    - 1:1 Oral Responses



### **CASAS/HSE Studies**



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#### CASAS conducted cooperative studies with

**GED Testing Service and ETS HISET** 

- An adult learner's performance on CASAS reading and math assessments predicts readiness to pass the GED or the HiSET
- Results appear on the Individual Skills Profile as the "Likelihood of passing..."
- For example, So Min Lee scored at NRS Level 6 in Reading and at NRS Level 5 in Math. His profile shows:

GED subsection:			So Min Lee's likelihood to pass is:
Reasoning through Language A	rts	High	Ready to pass
Mathematical Reasoning		Medium	May pass – more study may be needed
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HiSET subsection:			So Min Lee's's likelihood to pass

Medium

May pass - more study may be needed

Mathematics





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#### **Individual Skills Profile**

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#### So Min Lee

ID# 2152227

Math

Reading

Most Recent

Scale NRS *		Form	Number of Items			
Date	Score	Level	Level	Total	Correct	Attempted
05/30/2020	226	5	C/D	38	17	38

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Program: HSE

Reading Competencies	N	Correct
Community Resources	4	75 %
Health	2	50 %
Employment	17	82 %
Government and Law	12	83 %
Learning and Thinking Skills	5	80 %

05/30/2020

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Form

917M

907R

College & Career Readiness Standards Reading Content Areas	CCR Reading Anchor Standards	N	Correct
Vocabulary			
Academic	R4	4	75 %
Meaning from context	R4	4	75 %
Reading Comprehension Skills			
Locate details	R1	7	57 %
Identify main idea, Author's purpose	R2, R6	3	100 %
Higher Order Reading Skills			
Locate/Compare details, Infer/Draw conclus	ions R1, R9	11	81 %
Text structure	R5	3	100 %
Author's point of view	R6	4	100 %
Analyze claim	R8	4	75 %

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Agency: 4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS)

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Math Competencies	N	Correct
Consumer Economics	12	25 %
Community Resources	2	100 %
Employment	16	37 %
Computation	8	75 %

College & Career Readiness Standards		
Math Content Areas	N	Correct
Base Ten; Fractions and Ratios Number and Operations: Base Ten Number System	9	33 %
Algebra Operations and Algebraic Thinking Expressions and Equations Functions	10	40 %
Geometry Geometry	9	66 %
Measurement; Data Analysis Measurement and Data	5	60 %
Statistics and Probability Statistics and Probability	5	20 %

Reading Tasks	N	Correct
Forms	4	50 %
Charts, maps, consumer billings, matrices, graphs, tables	3	100 %
Articles, paragraphs, sentences, directions, manuals	31	83 %
Signs, price tags, advertisements, product labels	2	50 %

Math Tasks	N	Correct
Charts, maps, consumer billings, matrices, graphs, tables	14	42 %
Articles, paragraphs, sentences, directions, manuals	18	33 %
Measurement scales, diagrams	5	80 %

GED subsection:		So Min Lee's likelihood to pass is:
Reasoning through Language Arts	High	Ready to pass
Mathematical Reasoning	Medium	May pass - more study may be needed

HiSET subsection:		So Min Lee's's likelihood to pass is:
Language Arts - Reading	High	Ready to pass
Mathematics	Medium	May pass – more study may be needed



# Accommodations for Test Takers with Vision Impairment/Blindness



## CASAS eTests are now compatible with screen reader software!

#### NEW on August 1st

- Test takers with visual impairment/blindness can use CASAS eTests with a screen reader to listen to the test directions, a description of the prompts, test questions, and the answer options.
- A Reader/Scribe is still needed for test administration support throughout the testing session.
- Available for:
  - Reading GOALS
  - Math GOALS
  - Life and Work Reading, Levels B and C
    - Forms 83R, 84R, 185R, 186R



## Accommodations Materials for Test Takers with Visual Impairment/Blindness

These are **supplements** to the regular series test administration manuals and test booklets.

### Test Administration Manual Supplement for Test Takers with Visual Impairment/Blindness

provides test administration guidelines and scripts for the Reader/Scribe for both
 CASAS eTests and paper-based tests

#### Tactile Graphics/Braille Supplement for Test Takers with Visual Impairment/Blindness

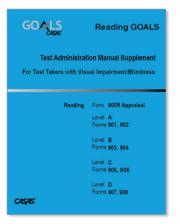
 used by test takers with visual impairment/blindness for test items that are difficult for them -- for both CASAS eTests and paper-based tests

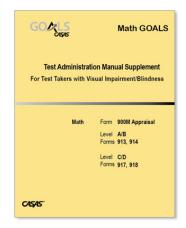
More information online at <u>product-overviews/assessments/visual-impairment-blindness</u>

Ordering Information is in the CASAS Online Catalog.

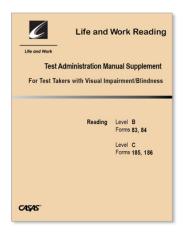


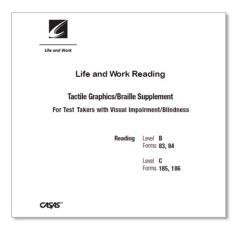
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### **CASAS NRS-Approved Tests**



### CASAS NRS-approved Assessments for ABE

→ Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE

NRS-approved through 2025

→ Math GOALS

NRS-approved through 2022



### **CASAS NRS-approved Assessments for ESL**

→ Life and Work Reading - 80 series

Beginning Literacy - Forms 27 and 28

Reading for Language Arts - Forms 513/514

→ Life and Work Listening - 980 series

NRS-approved to February 2021 (like all other NRS-approved ESL tests)



#### New GOALS Series and NRS Status

#### For ABE/ASE

- ➤ Reading GOALS approved through 2025
- ➤ Math GOALS for ABE/ASE approved through 2022

#### For ESL

- ➤ Reading GOALS pending
- Listening GOALS pending

Strongly aligned with College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards for Adult Education and the ELP Standards for ESL.



### **Field Testing Opportunities!**

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### **Field Testing Topics**

- What field testing is and the benefits of participating
- Current status of CASAS new assessments in the test development process
- Field testing details and FAQs
- How to participate



### **Field Testing Overview and Benefits**

- What is field testing?
  - A collaborative effort to develop effective assessment, evaluation, and program resources.
- Why does CASAS field test?
  - Critical part of test development
  - Conduct ongoing research and evaluation of current and future assessments.
  - Include a broad demographic in the test development process
- What are the benefits of participating?
  - Participation in a national study
  - Contribution to the creation of valid and reliable tests
  - Gift cards for students

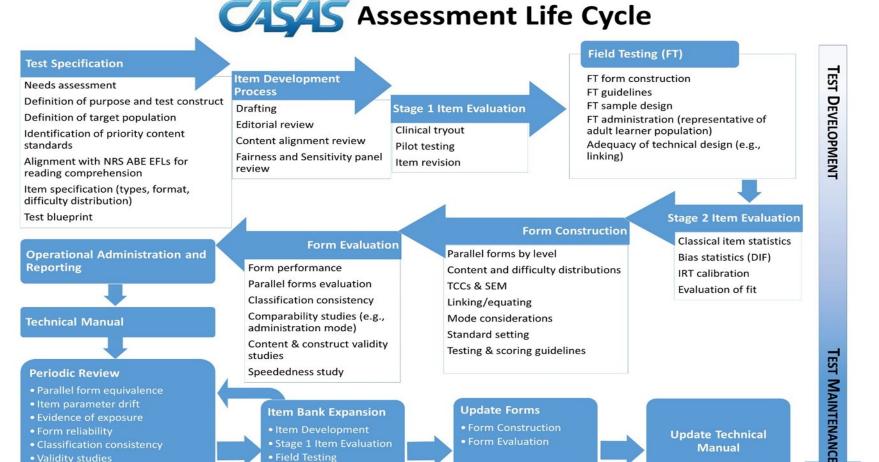


Validity studies

Learning gains analysis

### Test development process

Field Testing



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OR Retire Forms



### Field Testing Status – Final Forms Studies

- Test Development Process
- New Listening and Reading for ESL series
  - Will replace current Life and Work series
  - Five skill levels in both Listening and Reading for ESL
  - Aligned to the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) for Adult Education and the NRS Descriptors for English Language Learners.
  - Designed to measure college and career readiness
- Field Testing Status -- Update



### **Final Forms Studies**

- When? Now through December 2020
- Who? Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs and ABE students whose first language is not English
- Delivery? eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- Methodology? Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- Student gift cards in the amount of \$5 per test completed
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units
- FAQs



### How do I get started?

- Communicate with teachers/administrators at your program.
- Gather information about program participation.
- Ask your students about their interest.

For more information contact:

Fieldtesting@casas.org

Karen Burger: kburger@casas.org / 800.255.1036 ext. 177



### Coming Very Soon!

- Reading Level Indicator for provisional placement into Federal Table 4 – on phones and other devices
- eTests Compatibility with Screen Reader
- Accommodations Materials for Test Takers with Visual Impairment/Blindness
- Remote Testing User Group



### Coming Soon!

- Listening tests on smart phones
- More remote testing options with multiple test takers
- More video demonstrations

More Promising Practices presentations

Stay tuned!!!



### Easy eTests start-up process

- → Follow simple "Going Live" Checklist
- → Complete free online CASAS Implementation Training
- → Complete free eTests Coordinator and Proctor Online Training
- Complete Online Implementation Agreement
- Many additional online resources to get started
- Contact CASAS to purchase WTUs
- → Free CASAS Tech Support at <u>techsupport@casas.org</u>



### **Next Steps and Contacts**

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  - to place an order or check the status of an order
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# Questions and Comments from the Field



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