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National News and Updates

April 19, 2023

Welcome to the April 2023 CASAS National Webinar

Your **phones and computers are muted**.

- Presentation questions? **USE Q & A**

- Technical Difficulties? **USE CHAT**

- **PowerPoint** is already posted on the website: https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars

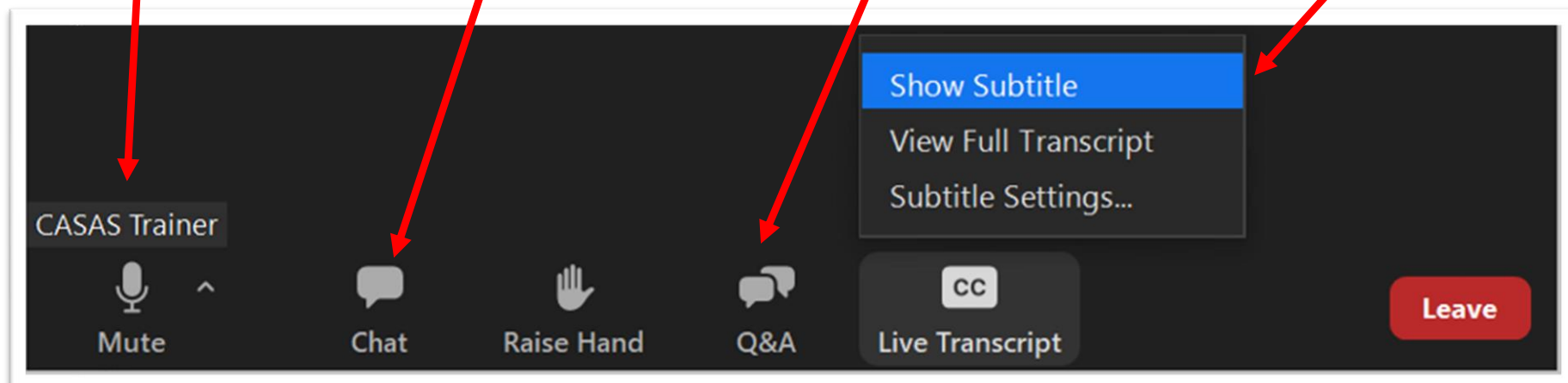- Webinar **recording will be posted April 25.**

Before we start: Webinar Tips

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Use chat only for webinar technical issues. Select all panelists for support

Q & A is used for questions about the presentations and specific questions for the presenter(s)

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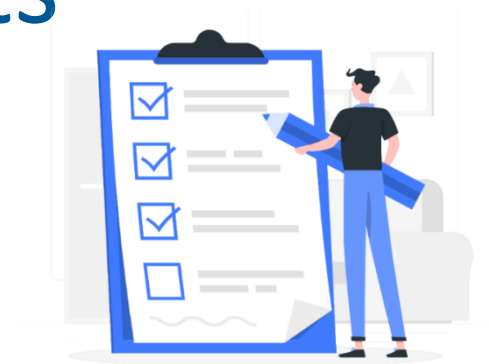Live Transcript

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Agenda

- Test Development Updates

- New STEPS Reports

- Tips for Launching New Test Series

- Implementation Ideas for CASAS Essay Test

- TOPSpro Enterprise Updates

- Summer Institute 2023

- Upcoming Events

CASAS National Summer Institute 2023
Hyatt Regency Orange County
June 12-15

Poll: Which song best reflects how you feel about change?

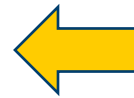- "Happy" by Pharrell Williams
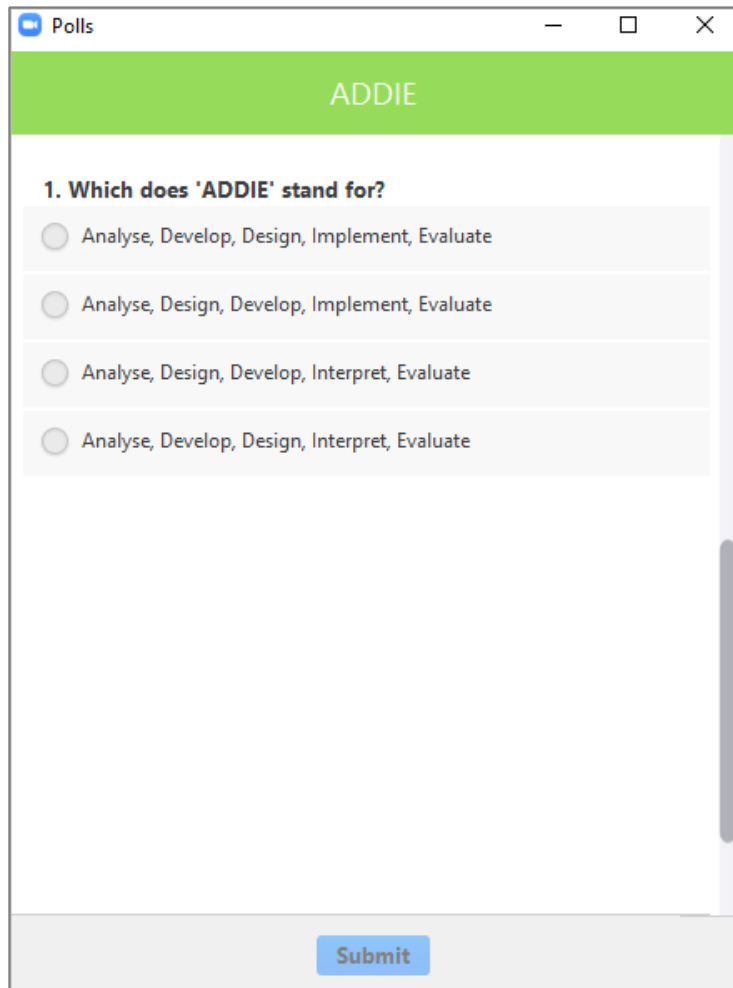
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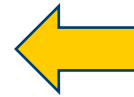
- "Stormy Weather" by Etta James

Polls

Polls — ☐ ☐ ✕

ADDIE

1. Which does 'ADDIE' stand for?

○ Analyse, Develop, Design, Implement, Evaluate

○ Analyse, Design, Develop, Implement, Evaluate

○ Analyse, Design, Develop, Interpret, Evaluate

○ Analyse, Develop, Design, Interpret, Evaluate

Submit

3 Close the poll

1 Answer the poll

2 Submit the poll

Test Development Update

Daniel Esko

Program Manager, Assessment Development

NRS Status

ABE / ASE Assessments	
Reading	**Math**
Reading GOALS	**Math GOALS**
Approved through February 2025	**Approved through March 2024**
	GOALS 2 CASAS
	New! Math GOALS 2
	Submitted for NRS Approval 10/2022

NRS Status

ESL Assessments	
Reading	**Listening**
Life and Work Reading – 80 series	Life and Work Listening – 980 series
Beginning Literacy	
Forms 27/28	
Reading for Language Arts	
Forms 513/514	
Approved through February 2024	Approved through February 2024
STEPS CASAS	STEPS CASAS
New! Reading STEPS	**New! Listening STEPS**
Submitted for NRS Approval 10/2022	Submitted for NRS Approval 10/2022

New Test Coming soon!

ST≤PS
CASAS

Reading STEPS
Listening STEPS

GOALS 2
CASAS

Math GOALS 2

UPDATED
culturally relevant and engaging content

ONLINE
available online, paper, or remote eTesting

FAST
immediate results

EFFICIENT
5 levels
=
less re-testing

SUCCESS
Better performance outcomes

New reports

ALIGNED
National Standards (CCRS and ELPS)

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STEPS
CASAS
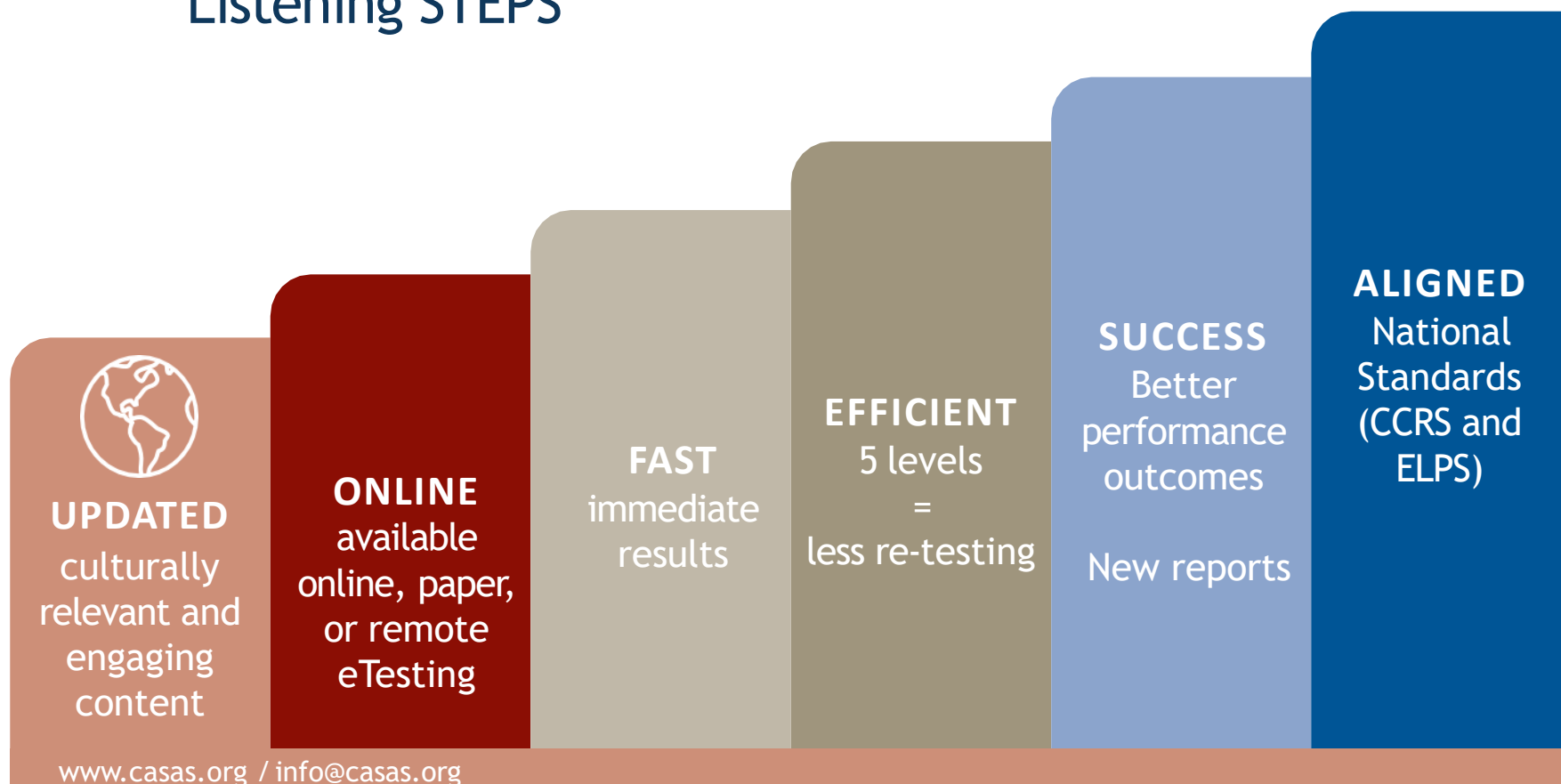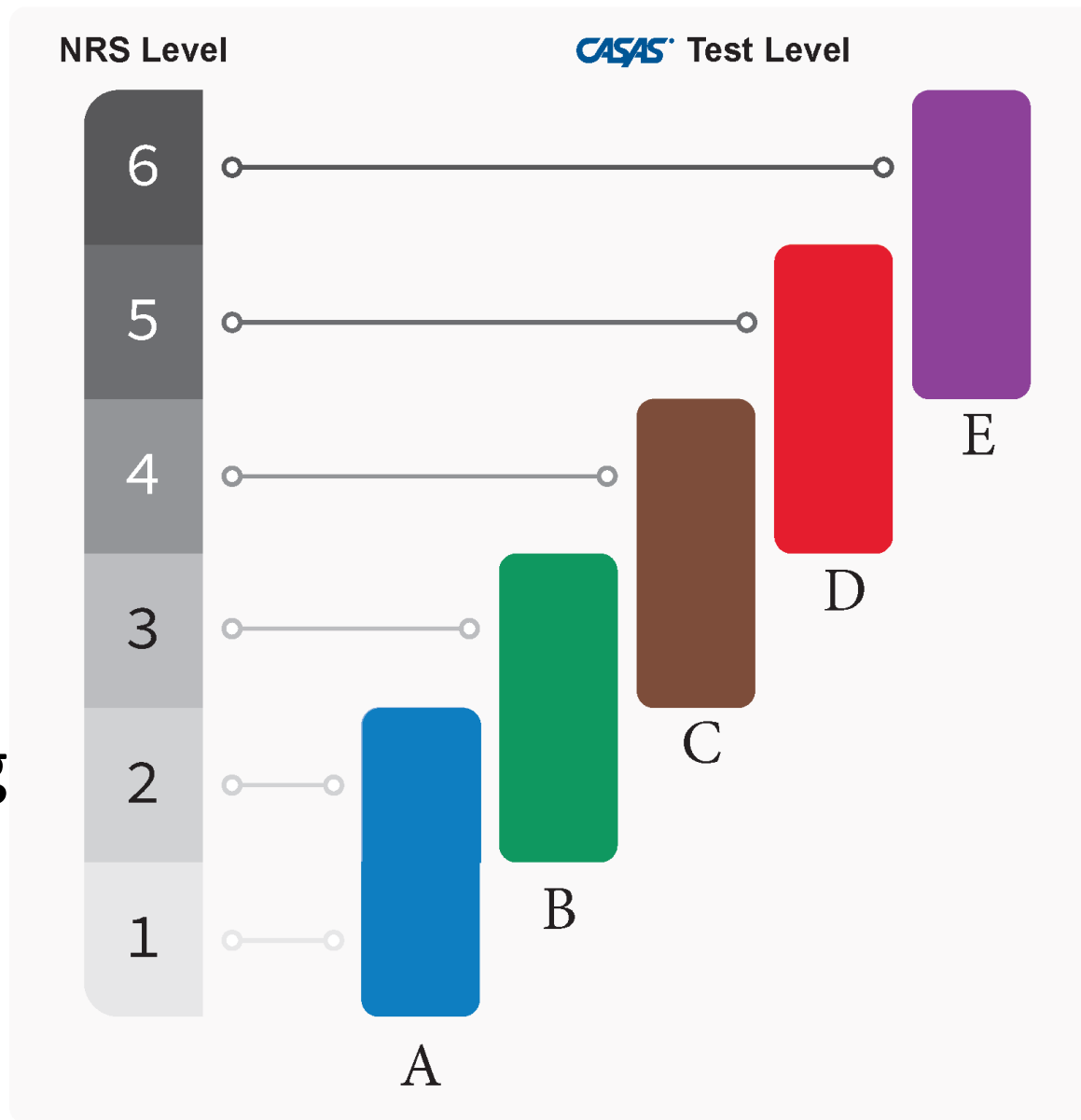
GOALS 2
CASAS

☑ Measurable Skill Gains

☑ Less re-testing

☑ Improved Reporting

NRS Level

6
5
4
3
2
1

CASAS Test Level

A
B
C
D
E

STEPS / GOALS 2 Resources

- **New Series Webpages Live!**

  - Test Content Blueprints – available now
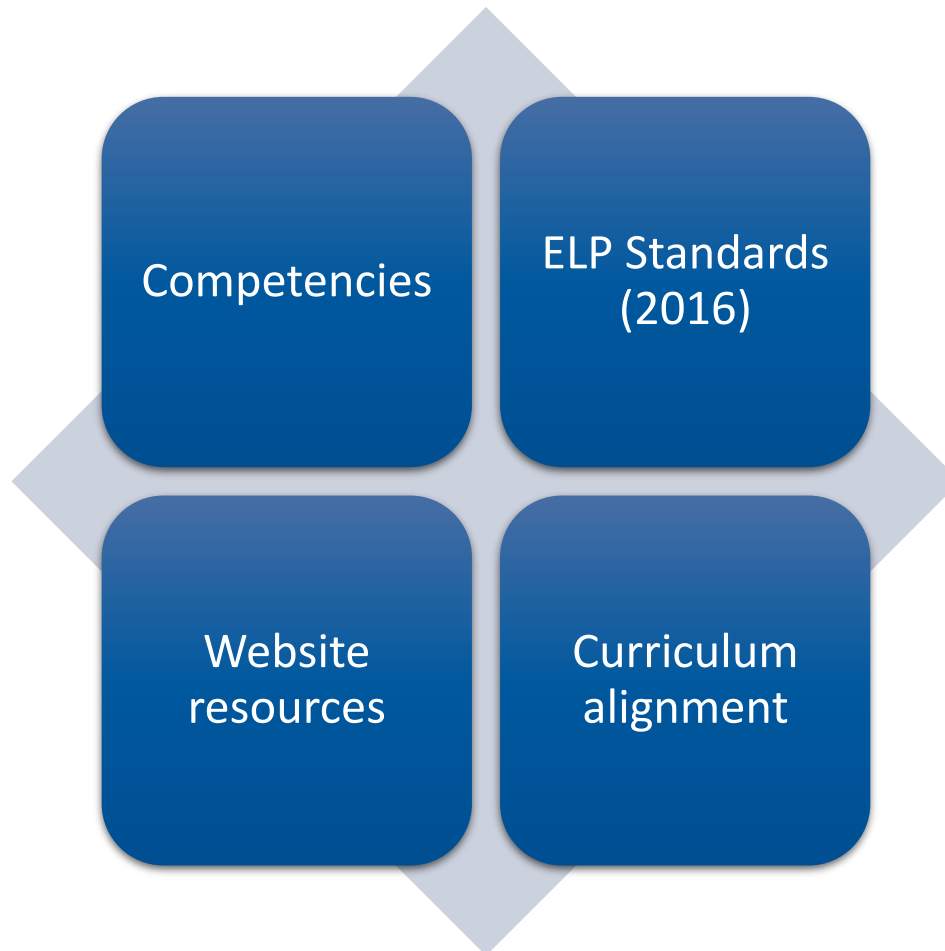 - Sample Test Items – available now
  - FAQs – available now

Is *everything* changing?

Karen Burger

National Program Specialist

Research-Based Assessments

Competencies

ELP Standards (2016)

Website resources

Curriculum alignment

Training and Tech Support

No new training requirements

Updates to existing training options

Office Hours

News and Updates Webinar

Tech Support

WTUs / TEUs Never Expire!

UNCHANGED!

Testing Guidelines & MSGs

- **Post-testing**
  - ▪ Administer post-test(s) after 70 -100 hours of instruction but not less than 40 hours
- **Pre- and Post-tests:** Must be from the same series
- **New series:** Establishes a new baseline
- **MSGs:** Only one per year

UNCHANGED!

Test Administration and Security
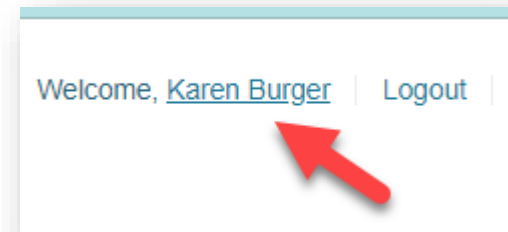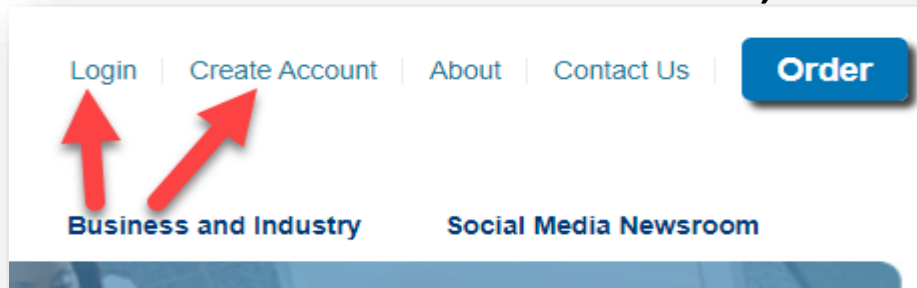
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CASAS

- Same procedures for administering tests.
- Same test security guidelines.
- Preconfigured testing sessions provided
- New Booklets for paper testers

Stay up to date!

- Login to CASAS.org or create an account
- Click your name to edit profile
- Check the box for "Yes, I would like to receive emails…"

STEPS Report Preview

Astrid Robitaille

National Program Specialist

New Assessments = New Reports!

Student Competency Area Report

- Create vocabulary lists for health-related topics

- Find posters for a local health screening clinic and have student pairs identify who, what, when, where

- Review local urgent care clinic website for location, hours, services, etc.
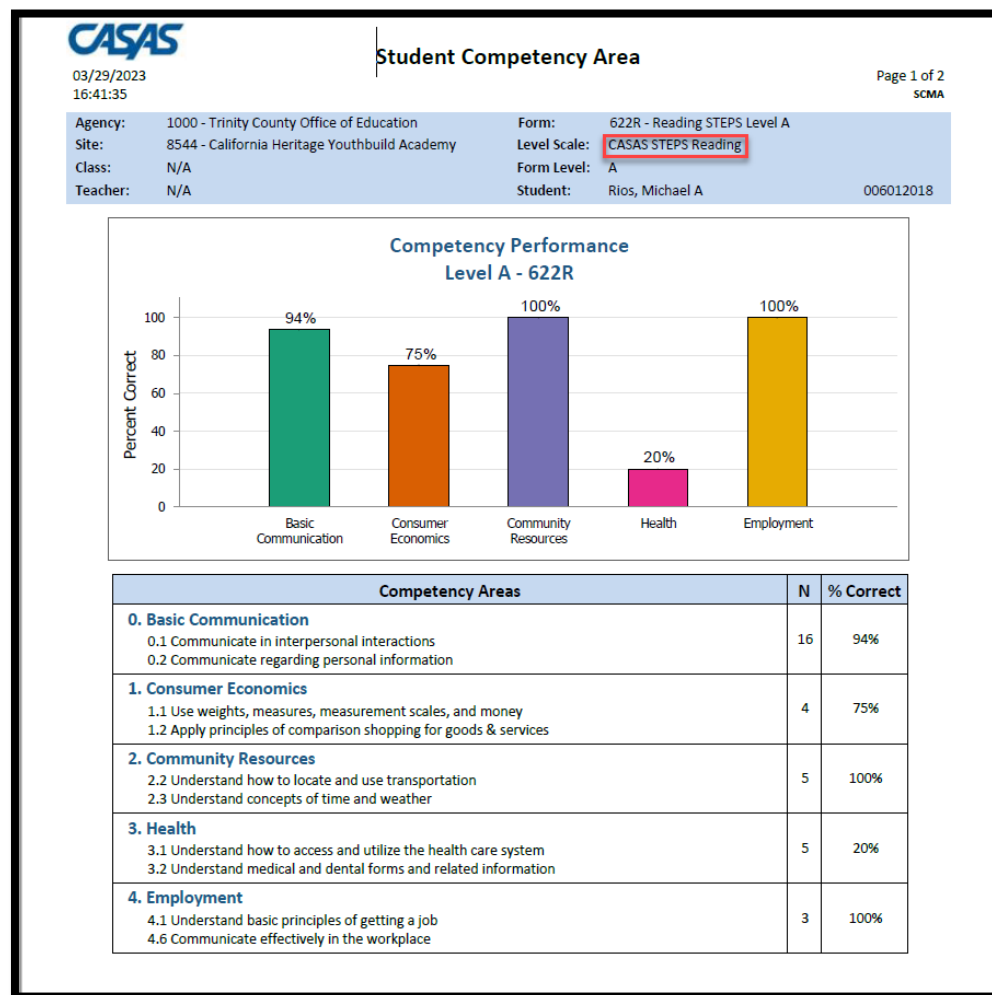
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Student Task Area Report

- Review several measurement scales together: pain scales, elevation of location, etc., re-arrange graphics in logical order.
- Class works in small groups to create a measurement scales for salsa: mild to …. Kaboom!
- Discuss a diagram of Greenhouse Effect. Students create notes to explain each element of the diagram.
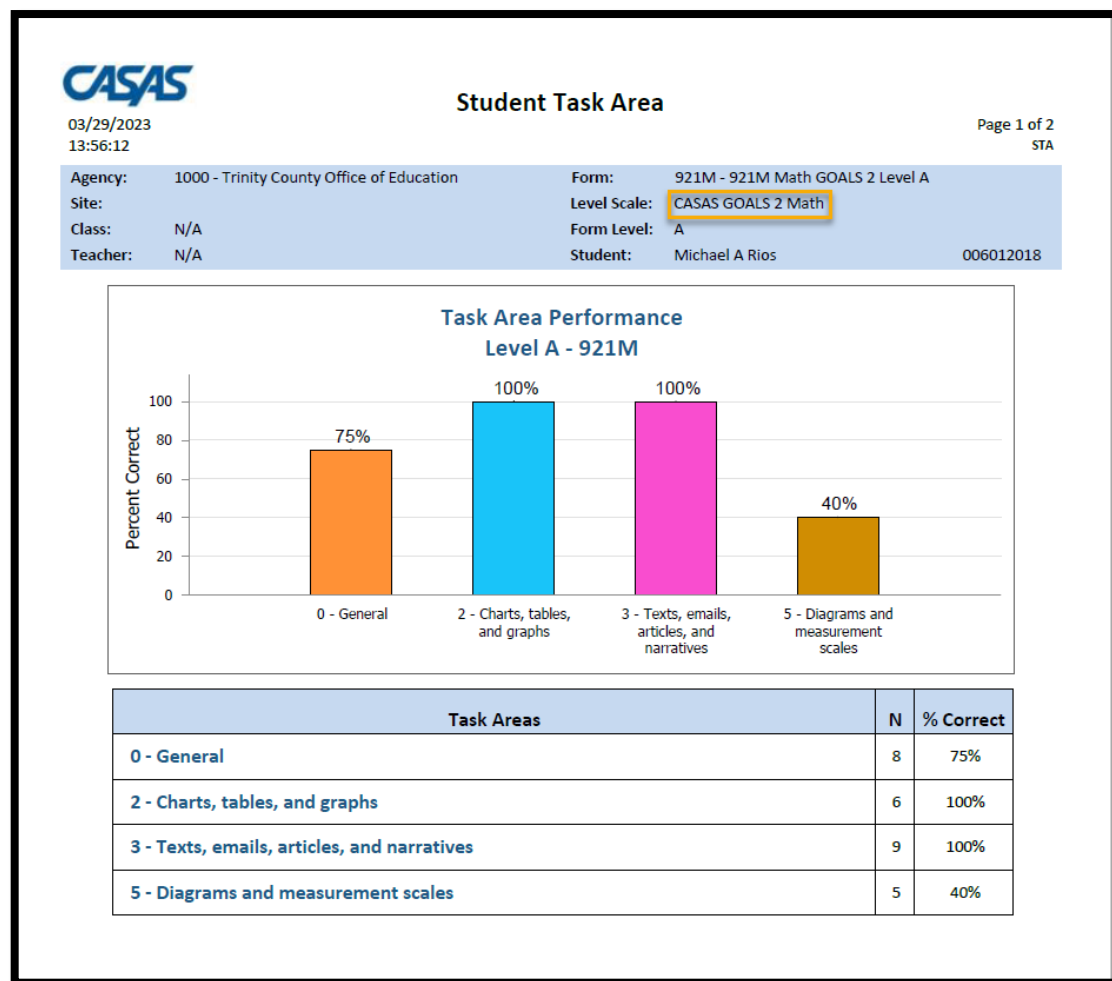
Tips for Launching the New Test Series

Laura Fetter

Program Development Manager

Easy as 1-2-3

Step 1:   Map Your Assets

Step 2:   Choose Your Launch Date

Step 3:   Backwards Plan Your Launch

Considerations:

- Be mindful that you need paired scores from the <u>same</u> series

- Custom your launch based on the size and <u>available</u> resources for your school or agency

- Reflect on how this change <u>might affect </u>your student onboarding/orientation

Possible Launch Scenarios

1) Flipping the Switch
2) Farming Schedule
3) Blooming Rose

Flip the Switch
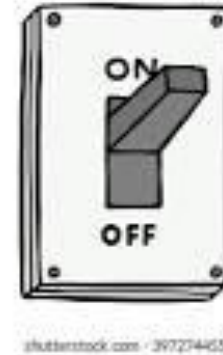
For example: Beginning Fall of 2023 everyone switches to the new assessment

• Pilot the test in small batches in the summer with the expectation that the full school or agency will fully transition in the new school year.

• Variation: One site flips the switch and then shares learning with the other sites throughout the year.

Farming Schedule

- **For example: Launch date is July of 2024**

- Summer – Plan your launch

- Fall – Communicate that a new assessment is coming and why

- Winter – Provide professional development opportunities to key stakeholders

- Spring – Conduct a small test pilot

Blooming Rose

- **For Example: Launch date is July 2023**

- Designate the ESL Level One classes as your early adaptors. Students start with the new assessment and as they progress from level to level schools build out the usage of the new assessment to level two, level three, etc.

Recommendations:

- Saturate your stakeholders with information about what to expect.
- Ask your teachers to take the assessment
- Ask for volunteers to pilot the assessment
- Invite teachers to share the level appropriate sample questions with their students
- Create targeted PDs for specific audiences: Administrators, Coordinators, Teachers

Implementation Ideas for the CASAS Essay Test

Janice Fera

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What is the CASAS Essay Test?

- www.tinyurl.com/casas-essay

- Autoscored online test
- Three prompts to choose from
- Delivered within CASAS eTests
- Results available immediately!

Introducing **Essay Test** CASAS

Assess student writing skills quickly and provide a roadmap to improvement for your ABE, HSE, and ELL students.
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UPDATED culturally relevant and engaging content

ONLINE secure environment within CASAS eTests

FAST immediate results with suggestions for improvement

EFFICIENT eliminates manual scoring of essays

SUCCESS helps HSE candidates prepare for their exams

tinyurl.com/CASAS-Essay

Tools for Teachers: "The Sampler"

- CASAS eTests "Sampler"

  → Valuable practice using an online word processor

- Detailed scoring rubric

CASAS eTests Sampler

Sample Test Items

| Life and Work Reading |
| Reading GOALS Level A |
| Reading GOALS Level B |
| Reading GOALS Level C |
| Reading GOALS Level D |
| Math GOALS |
| Life and Work Listening 980 Level A |
| Life and Work Listening 980 Level B |
| Life and Work Listening 980 Level C |
| Essay |

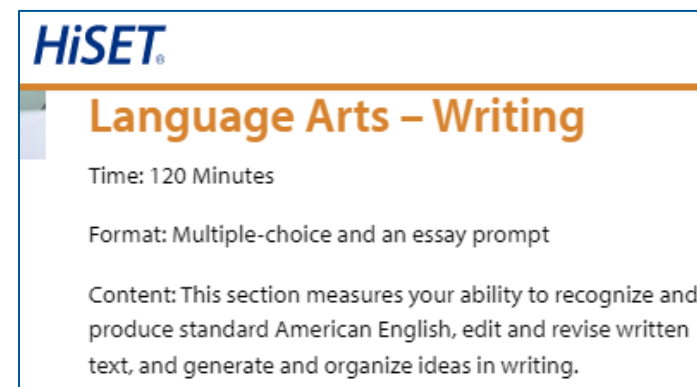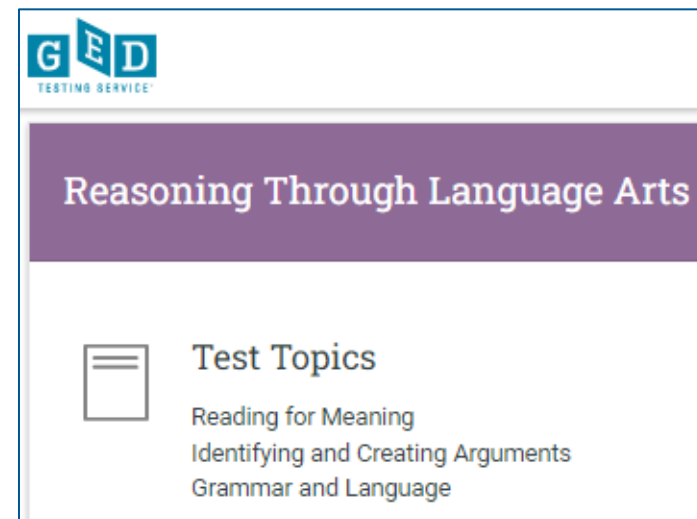| ID:	Name:	Time Remaining: 00:10:00

Healthy eating habits are important but often not followed. Why is this? What can be done about it?

Maintaining a varied diet is important, but also expensive. It's hard to find time to shop and cook using fresh ingredeints.

00:10:00   **Directions**   →

Benefits for HSE Students

→Practice quickly composing your thoughts on a topic

→Gain experience taking a timed writing test

→Helpful for placement into classes or workshops to improve writing skills

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Reasoning Through Language Arts

Test Topics

Reading for Meaning
Identifying and Creating Arguments
Grammar and Language

HiSET.

Language Arts – Writing

Time: 120 Minutes

Format: Multiple-choice and an essay prompt

Content: This section measures your ability to recognize and produce standard American English, edit and revise written text, and generate and organize ideas in writing.

Benefits for College-Bound Students

→Gain a head-start on an essential skill
→Targeted feedback about areas needing improvement
→Helpful for counselors to know the student's Essay score

<u>Becoming a Better Writer</u>

Suggestions for Improvement:

|	
Main Idea	When you write, make sure your main idea is clearly stated in the beginning. Focus on your main idea throughout the entire essay. Make sure that you include enough details and examples to support your main idea. Also, explain everything in your essay clearly so that the reader is not confused about what you mean. Extra information will help the reader understand what you are writing about.
Organization	Keep working on putting your sentences together in an organized way, so that your ideas are easy to follow. Using transition words will help to smoothly connect your ideas to each other.
Word Choice	Try to reduce the number of word-choice errors in your writing. Make sure that you are using words correctly, so the meaning is always clear. Also, use a variety of words and sentence structures in your writing. Avoid repetition where possible.
Grammar & Mechanics	Try to use more complex sentence structure throughout your essay. Also, continue to check your sentences carefully and fix any errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Fixing these errors will help the reader understand what you are saying.

Benefits for CTE Job Seekers

• Many internships and careers require good writing skills

→ Build a student portfolio:

→ Include the **Personal Score Report** to show accomplished writing skills

→ Include a Typing Test certificate!

Why Offer A Typing Class?

- Fact: After surveying over 120 students, over 60% thought better **typing skills** would have helped them perform better on their essay test.
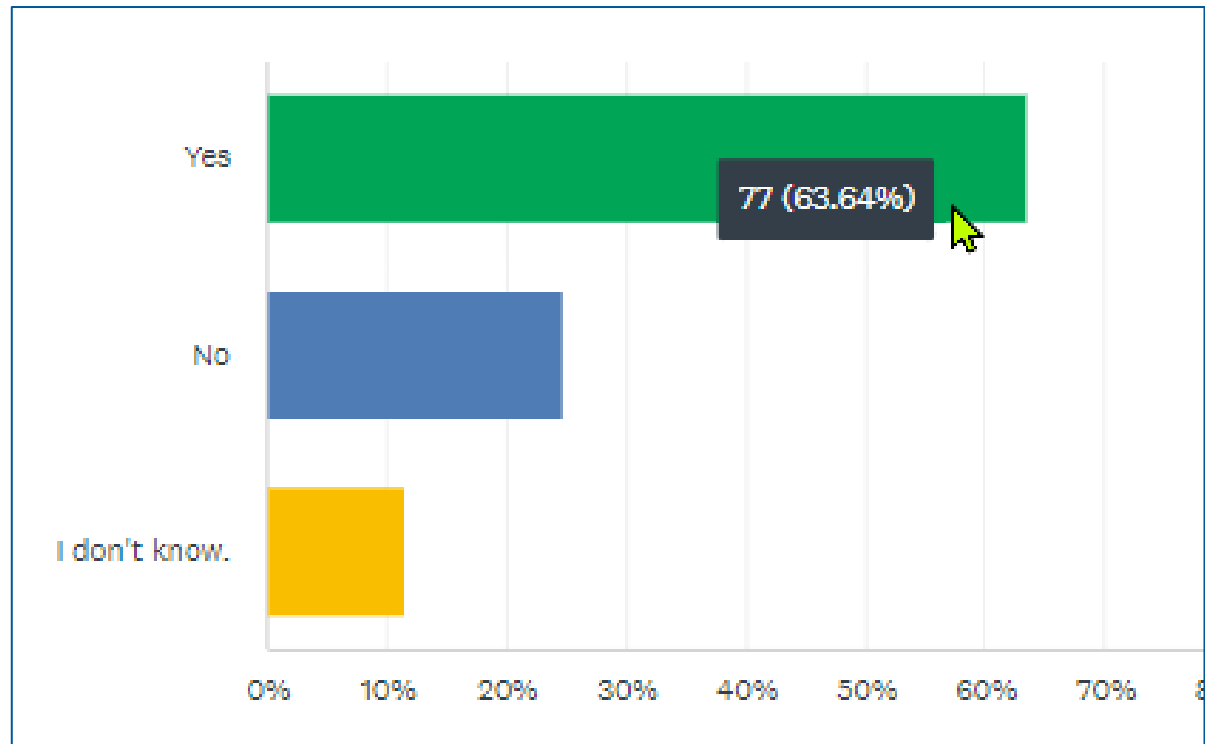
Benefits for Teachers

- Autoscored – saves time grading papers!

- Students improve faster using the specific, comprehensive suggestions in the score report.

- Early-career writing teachers appreciate the how-to-improve guidance

Quotes from Teachers

Makes life easier for teachers.
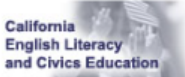
The autoscorer is spot-on!

Our students appreciate having immediate feedback on their essay.

Additional Program for California agencies with EL Civics Programs

- COAAP 37.6 Employment

  □ Includes use of CASAS Essay Test (form 901W) as assessment

  □ For Advanced ESL Students

California English Literacy and Civics Education

Details

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General Information

Civic Objective#:	37	Program Year:	2022-2023
Civic Objective:	Identify and demonstrate qualities of an effective employee in the American workplace in order to get a job, keep a job or get a better job.		
TOPSpro Form #:	376C	AAP #:	37.6
Assessment Type:	Written, Role Play		

Level Range

From:	Beginning Low	To:	Advanced

Language and Literacy Objectives

Language and literacy objectives with an asterisk (*) are suitable for beginning low level students.

1	*Identify qualities expected of a good employee in students' countries.
2	*Identify qualities expected of a good employee in the U.S.
3	Identify and/or discuss U.S. workplace communications styles (e.g. employee to employer, employee to customer, employee to employee; white collar versus blue collar, etc.)
4	*Identify and discuss the differences in workplace behavior and communication in students' countries and the U.S.
5	Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate workplace communication.
8	*Read and write work-related messages.

Feedback from Students who have taken the CASAS Essay Test

Take A Test

Richard Ackermann

Manager, Software Development
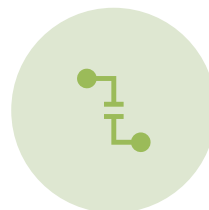
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Why Take a Test?

Provides the same functions as secure browser

Easier for IT to implement and maintain

Conformity with kiosk mode on other devices

No conflicts with firewall and network security

Reduces time and resources for maintenance

Secure Browser vs. Kiosk Mode

Secure Browser

Locks down test station

Downloads before testing

Interacts with firewall

Runs in the background

Kiosk Mode

Locks down test station

Is built into Operating System

Does not interact w/firewall

Nothing runs in background

Kiosk Mode for Safe Testing

Operating System

ChromeOS

iPadOS

Windows

Name of Kiosk Mode

"Chrome Kiosk Mode"

"Guided Access"

"Take A Test"

Take a Test Compatibility

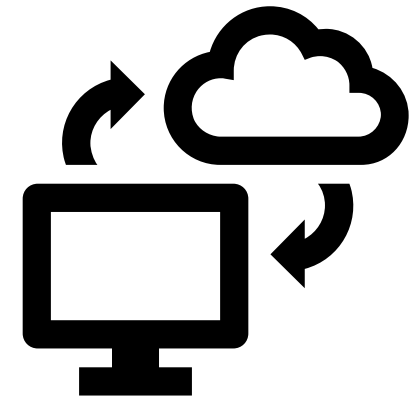| Operating System	Compatibility
Windows 10 Pro	Yes
Windows 11 Pro	Yes
Windows Student Edition	Yes
Windows 10 or 11 Home	No

How to Set Up?

Create a shortcut with the link we send you

When Can We Use It?

Seeking pilot testers now

Start with just one test station

Secure Browser will be retired sometime this year
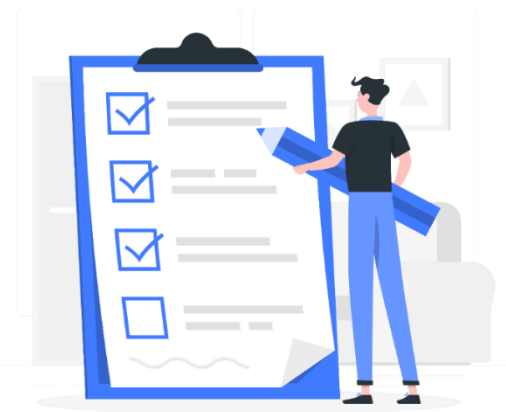
Contact

Tech Support to start pilot:

techsupport@casas.org

800-255-1036 ext. 2

Richard Ackermann to discuss any concerns:

rackermann@casas.org

Poll: What type of training do you prefer?

- In Person
- Online synchronous
- Online asynchronous
- Hybrid

Summer Institute 2023

Kristine Mains
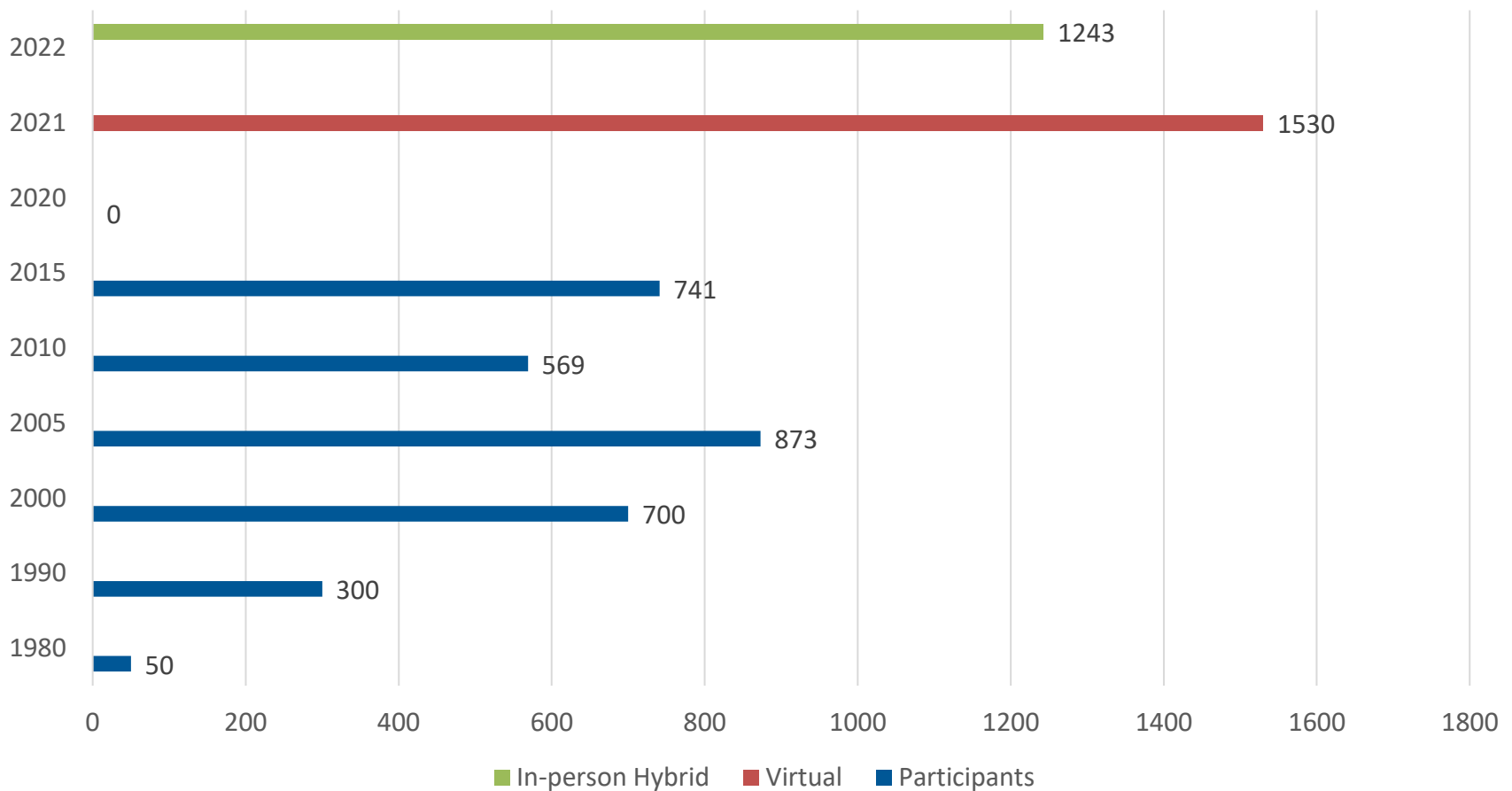National Program Specialist

National Summer Institute 2023

June 12 – Virtual Technology Trainings Only

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Since 1980…50 to over 1200 attendees

Attendance Growth

Year	Value
2022	1243 (In-person Hybrid)
2021	1530 (Virtual)
2020	0
2015	741
2010	569
2005	873
2000	700
1990	300
1980	50

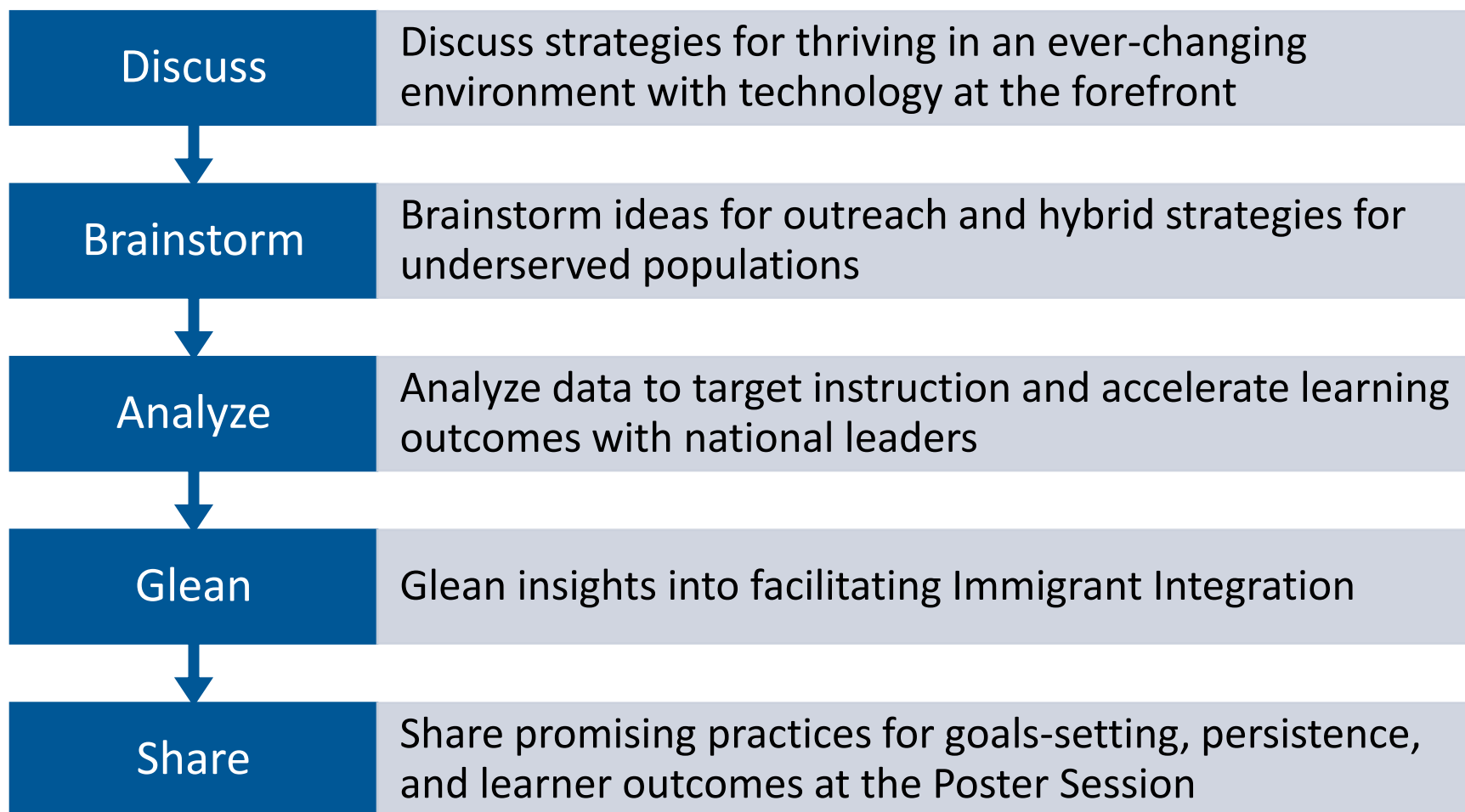Legend: In-person Hybrid ■ Virtual ■ Participants ■

Why should you attend?

Successful innovation requires relentless commitment, consistency, and collaboration.

~Monique Beedles

Reason 1 – Gather with Colleagues

Discuss	Discuss strategies for thriving in an ever-changing environment with technology at the forefront
Brainstorm	Brainstorm ideas for outreach and hybrid strategies for underserved populations
Analyze	Analyze data to target instruction and accelerate learning outcomes with national leaders
Glean	Glean insights into facilitating Immigrant Integration
Share	Share promising practices for goals-setting, persistence, and learner outcomes at the Poster Session

Reason 2 – Update your Knowledge

- Learn about new test series and developments
- Attend Technology Labs for hands-on practice
- Get certified to administer CASAS eTests or paper tests
- Use data to your advantage – TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)
- Understand inclusive programming for EL Civics and Citizenship
- Learn how the National External Diploma Program (NEDP) can benefit your students
- Discuss how to give students the job-seeking edge with the Workforce Skills Certification System (WSCS)
- Much more!

Reason 3 - Join the fun!

- CASAS Social events

- Great food (yes, really)

- Beautiful facility and a pool

- Family-friendly environment

- Group Fitness and Vinyasa Yoga

- Local restaurants within walking distance

Who should attend?

Administrators, teachers, test proctors, support staff

Workforce development professionals

Business and industry representatives

State-level adult education personnel

Hyatt Regency Orange County

Overflow Hotel Update…This Just In!

- The Hyatt Regency rooms are now sold out.
- Embassy Suites 'overflow' hotel is also sold out.
- **NEW Overflow Hotel**
  - Check our Summer Institute pages for updates each day
  - Will be within walking distance from Hyatt conference hotel

Welcome to CASAS

CASAS CATALOG

SUMMER INSTITUTE

ONLINE TRAINING

Shifts in CASAS Implementation Training

Overview of CASAS

Module 1

CASAS Implementation Basics

Getting Started

Module 2

CASAS eTests Implementation

Module 3

CASAS Paper Test Implementation

# CASAS Instructional Implementation Training at Summer Institute

- **Module 4**
  - New Online Training split into two modules
    - **4a** - Interpreting Test Results
    - **4b** - Instructional Reports

  - **Module 4 at Summer Institute will be a 90-minute session all in one!**
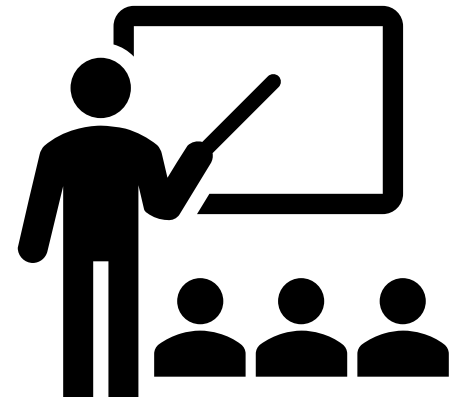
Now offering - Proctor Certification

- Module 1, 2 or 3 now only include a brief overview of test administration.

- Test Administration training is offered in new courses:
  - ▫ eTests Proctor Certification
  - ▫ Paper Test Proctor Certification
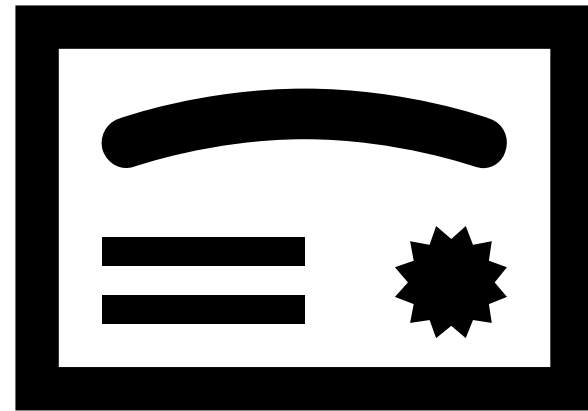
SI Paper Tests Proctor Certification

- **Complimentary** in-person and virtual sessions at Summer Institute!
- How to administer CASAS Paper Tests *using CASE STUDIES for both ABE/ASE and ESL/ELL students*
- Meets certification requirement for new and recertifying staff

SI eTests Proctor Certification Options

- **In-Person**
  - **Intro to Proctoring CASAS eTests,** Hands-on Tech Labs – fee required
- **Virtual**
  - Complimentary *Virtual sessions, eTests Proctor Certification*
- How to start and stop testing sessions, and more
- Both meet certification requirement for new and recertifying staff

What people are saying…

> Sessions were exceptionally informative.
> Presenters were organized and engaging.
> Certification opportunities were excellent.
> Question/Answer sessions were quite helpful.
> Platform was easy overall to use.
> Variety of sessions offered was outstanding.

Registration Options

In-person

$680

Virtual

$500

In-person Technology Lab Fee – $80 each

Registration for In-Person Technical Lab Training

- $80.00 fee
- Tech Lab fees are added to your In-Person registration fee

[CASAS Technical Lab Training Information and Descriptions](#)

Registration Reminder – Finish & Pay

- **Remember to FINISH your registration with a payment** - either a PO or Credit Card payment type.
- Your registration will not be complete unless this is done.
- An invoice will be sent to the email provided in the registration.

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Virtual
In-person

June 12 – Virtual Technology Trainings Only

Registration is open.

Register

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Upcoming Events

Overview: TOPSpro Enterprise

- Great for beginners
- Live zoom webinars hosted by CASAS Tech Support trainers

- **April 27, 2023**

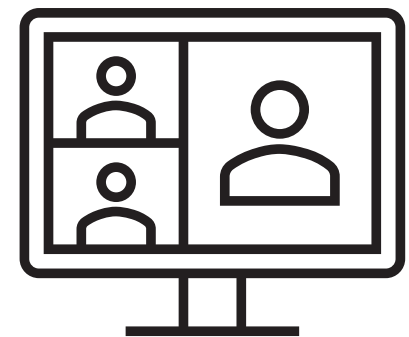- 11am--12:30 pm PST

- Register:
- https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-facilitated-training

"Office Hours" with CASAS Staff

- Attendees drive the sessions with their questions

- **Fridays,** 11am Pacific/2pm Eastern

Save the Dates: April 28 and May 12

  - **No Office Hours in June**

- Register: https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours

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What's New

Coming soon:

Reading STEPS

Listening STEPS

Math GOALS 2

Ongoing:

Field Testing Opportunities

Getting started - CASAS eTests

Office Hours

Live Facilitated Training

News & Updates Webinars

Help Documentation & Videos

FAQs

- **Wednesday, August 23**
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Click to register today!

We are here for you!

Recording of this webinar and the PPT will all be posted in the What's New/News and Update Webinars section on the CASAS website.

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