



Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems

# National News and Updates

April 20, 2022

# Welcome to the April 2022 CASAS National Webinar!

- Your **phones and computers are muted.**
- Presentation questions? **USE Q & A**
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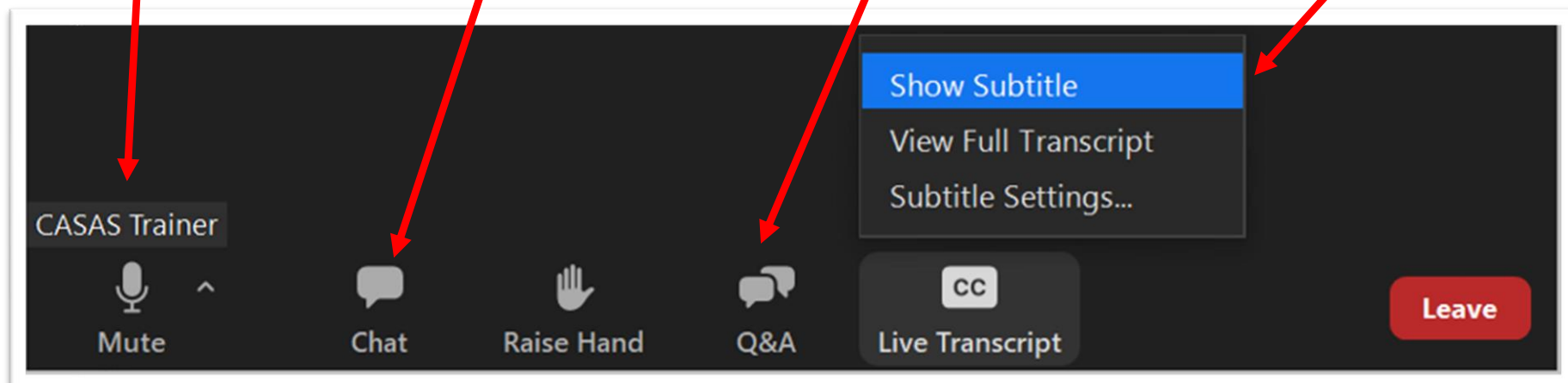
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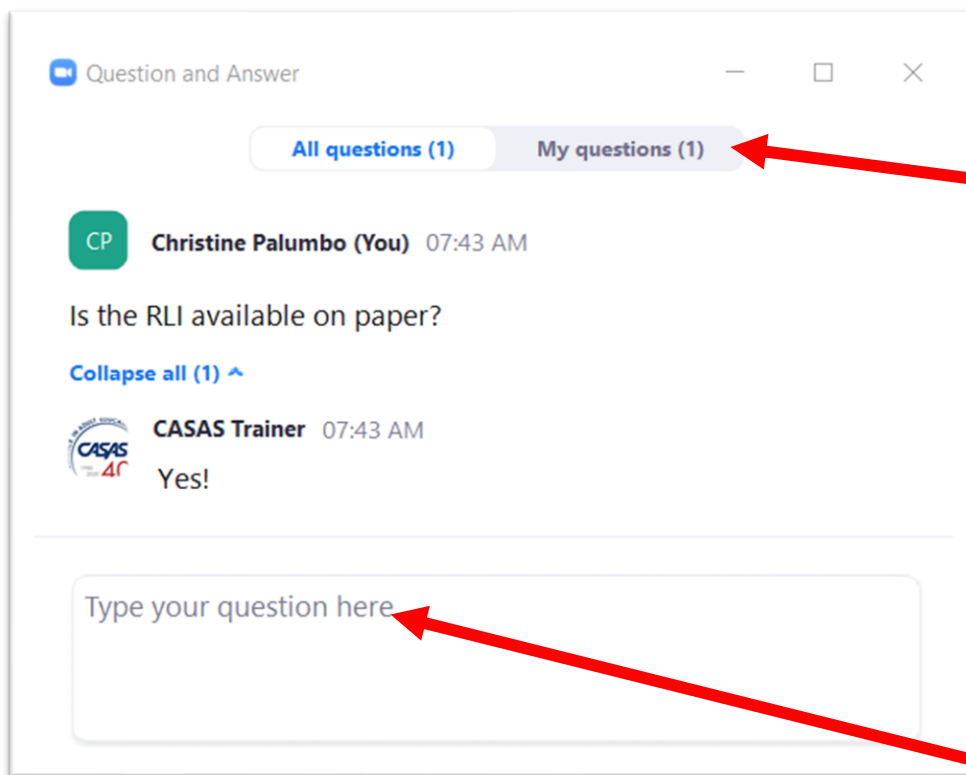
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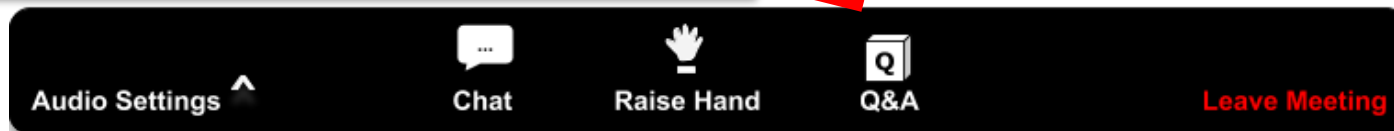


# “Q&A”: Questions for the Presenter

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# Webinar Topics

- Remote Testing and Test Development Update
- Field Testing and Research Studies
- Summer Institute Update
- CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update – Tips and Tricks
- Promising Practice Presentation:  
Sean McAtee, Kirkwood Community College, Iowa
- CASAS News



# Remote Testing and Test Development Update

Linda Taylor

CASAS VP, Assessment Development

# New Remote Testing Policy – Up to 15 Students at a Time

- For the past year, CASAS has been piloting remote testing with more than 5 students at a time.
- We are pleased to announce that CASAS has updated our policy for testing multiple students at the same time remotely, effective immediately.

# New Remote Testing Policy Guidelines- Up to 15 Students at a Time

- **Remote testing more than 1 student at a time** continues to be **limited to Approach 2 and 3** in which the student uses a Windows PC, a Chromebook with kiosk mode, or an iPad with secure guided access enabled.
- Proctors who are **new to or who have limited experience with eTests or remote testing** should **test no more than 5 students at a time** in one remote test session.

# New Remote Testing Policy Guidelines- Up to 15 Students at a Time

- Proctors who are **experienced** in remote testing may test **up to 15 students at a time** in one remote test session – but **only if they are comfortable** doing this.
- These proctors should have **at least three months experience using remote testing Approach 2 or 3** with up to 5 students simultaneously, and
- a total of **at least 30+ completed assessments during 10 different testing sessions.**

# New Remote Testing Policy Guidelines- Up to 15 Students at a Time

- The Remote Testing Guidelines for Approach 2 and 3 have been updated to reflect this new policy.
- Remote Testing FAQ #41 has been revised.

# NRS Status of Current & Next Test Series

Assessment	NRS Approval
<b>FOR ABE</b>	
Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE	Through 2025
Math GOALS	Through 2023
New Math Series	Final Forms Studies
<b>FOR ESL</b>	
Life and Work Reading – 80 series Beginning Literacy – Forms 27 and 28 Reading for Language Arts – Forms 513 and 514	Through February 2023
Life and Work Listening – 980 series	Through February 2023
New ESL Reading	Final Forms Studies
New ESL Listening	Final Forms Studies

# Research Studies

Karen Burger

National Program Specialist & Field Test Coordinator

# Benefits of Field Testing

## For Students

- Provides students with added confidence in test-taking experiences.
- Gives students an idea of test items.
- Reduces anxiety for students.

## For Agency and Teachers

- Can be included as instructional time.
- Teachers can preview the new tests.
- Teachers can use the opportunity to coach students as they prepare for post-tests

# New Math GOALS Final Forms Testing – **URGENT NEED!**

- **When?** Now and through June 30, 2022
- **Who?** ABE and ASE Learners
  - ESL students at NRS Level 4, 5 & 6 in Reading
  - All levels are needed
- **Delivery?** eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- **Methodology?** Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- **Student gift cards: \$20 per test**
- Complimentary web-test units

# Paper Testers and Learning Gains Studies

- **Learning Gains Studies**
  - Students take a pre- and post-test
  - Needed for ESL and Math
  - Paper/Pencil or eTests
- **Paper / Pencil Field Testing**
  - Math
  - Listening

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- ***Can field test results be used for reporting purposes?***
  - No, they are in development and not NRS approved.
- ***Will field testing affect my regular program testing?***
  - No. they will not show up on reports
  - Practice tests to help prepare for post-testing.
- ***What if my student is not in a math class?***
  - All students that meet criteria are eligible if they are part of your adult education program even if they are not currently studying math.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- ***How will we access the field tests?***
  - We will put a specially configured testing session in your eTests account.
- ***Will my program need to pay for the field tests? Or will the test use my program's WTUs?***
  - No cost. Field tests do not use WTUs. Paper tests are shipped to you with prepaid return labels.
- ***How will students get the gift cards?***
  - CASAS orders Target or Walmart gift cards; mailed directly to your agency for distribution to students.

# How do I get started?



- Communicate with teachers/administrators in program
- Create a plan for implementation
- Contact CASAS for support along the way!

*For more information visit our field testing webpage or contact:*

- [Fieldtesting@casas.org](mailto:Fieldtesting@casas.org)
- Karen Burger
  - [kburger@casas.org](mailto:kburger@casas.org)
  - 800.255.1036 ext. 177

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- [Citizenship Preparation Support](#)
- [EL Civics Exchange](#)

# Summer Institute Update

# **CASAS** National Summer Institute 2022

Town and Country Resort in San Diego  
June 13 to 16



We are looking forward to seeing everyone  
again and reconnecting with you!

# San Diego's Town & Country Resort



Go to <https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/Sl/conference-hotel>

The logo for the CASAS National Summer Institute 2022. It features the word "CASAS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the left of "CASAS" is a stylized orange sunburst icon. To the right of "CASAS" is the word "National" in a green, sans-serif font. Below "CASAS" and "National" is the phrase "Summer Institute 2022" in a green, sans-serif font.

- For those who will be joining us in-person, proof of full COVID-19 vaccination is required during the registration process.
- CASAS has partnered with CrowdPass, a trusted leader in digital health clearance to securely upload your COVID vaccination information.



# SI2022 Conference App



- We are using the Whova platform again this year.



- The Agenda is now available at the Summer Institute website at [2022 Summer Institute Agenda](#)
- New sessions will be added as they become available.
- The Agenda is subject to change.



- CASAS Implementation Trainings
- Hands-on Technology Labs
- TOPSpro Enterprise and CASAS eTests
- National External Diploma Program
- Workforce Skills Certification System
- More than 100 training sessions, workshops, and panels!

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In-person registration – \$680



Virtual Registration – \$500



In-person Lab Fee – \$80 each

For more information, visit [www.casas.org/training-and-support/SI](http://www.casas.org/training-and-support/SI)

# **CASAS** National Summer Institute 2022

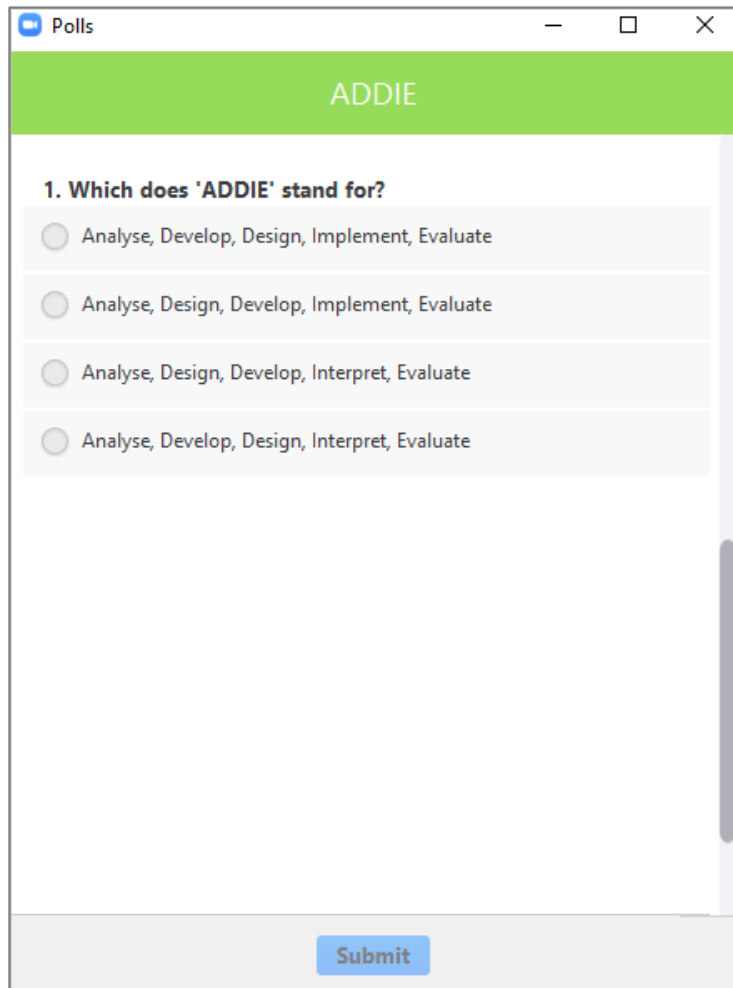
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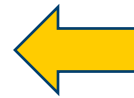
## Registration is now open!

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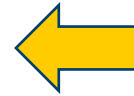
# Polls



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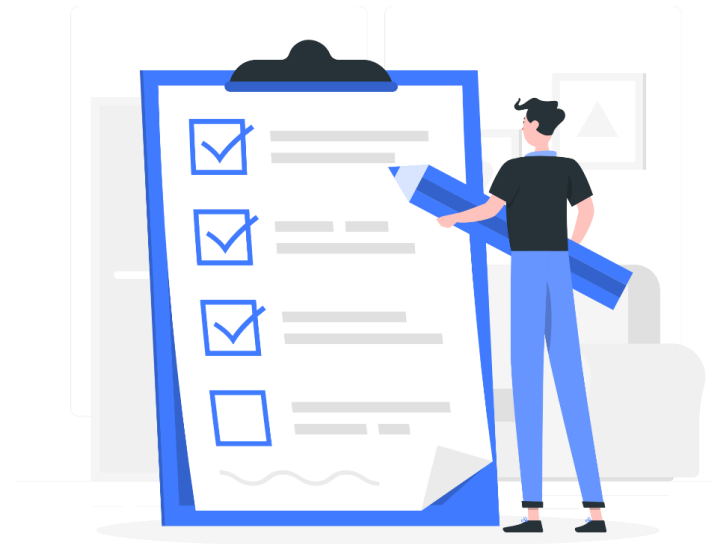
1 Answer the poll



2 Submit the poll

# Polls

- Please answer a poll question about how well your program is doing in getting paired student pre- and post-test scores.
- Submit your answers.



# CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

Martha Perez

CASAS Technology Support Team Member and Trainer

# Promising Practice Presentation

## **CASAS Post-Testing Process**

Sean McAtee, Instructor-Coordinator

Kirkwood Community College

Cedar Rapids, IA

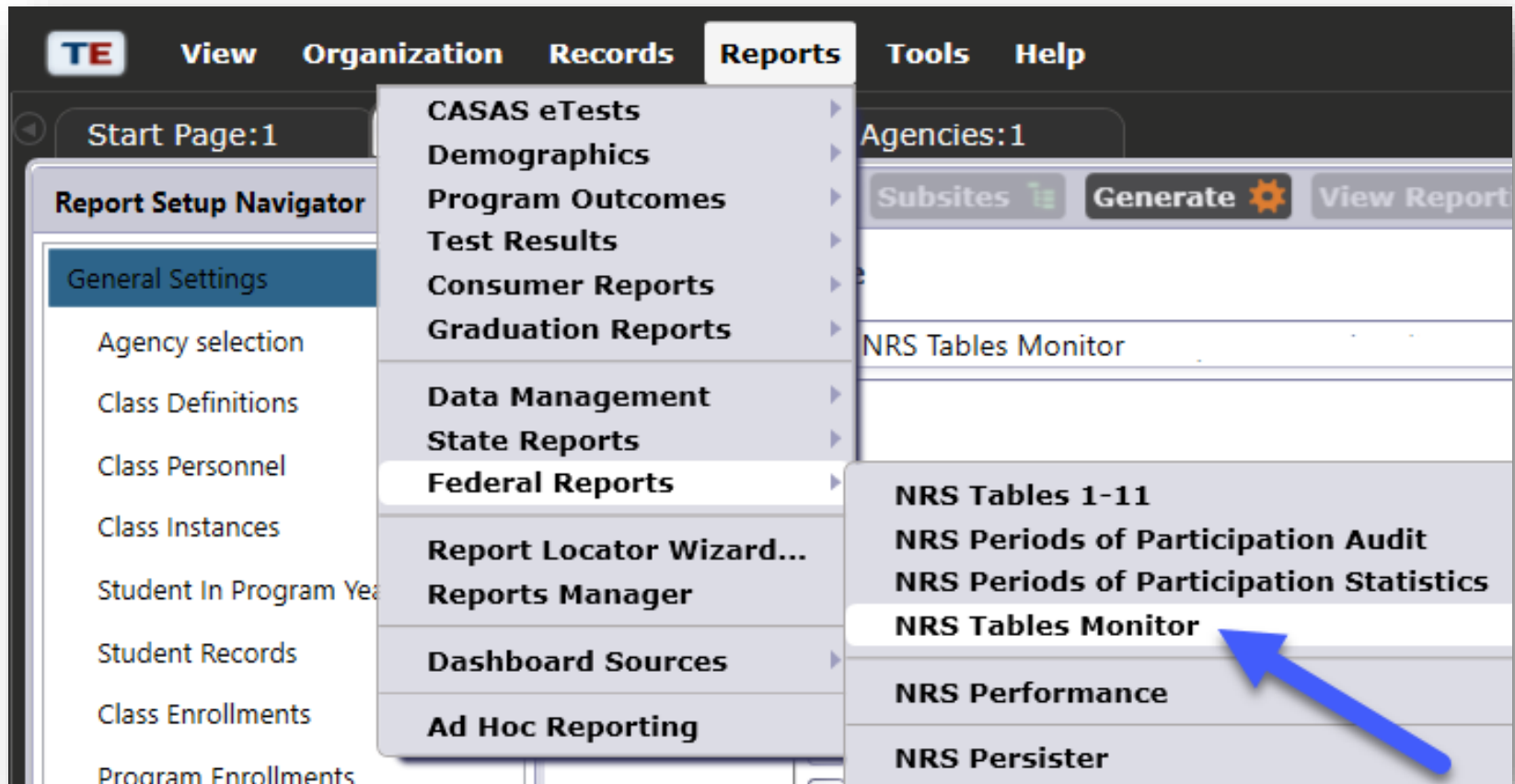
# Features of “Basic” TOPSpro Enterprise

- ➡ Individual Student Skills Profile
- ➡ Individual Student Competency Performance
- ➡ Personal Score Report (at end of test)
- ➡ Test History -- of all test takers
  - CASAS test form, test date, scale score, and scores outside of accuracy range
- ➡ Next Assigned Test
- ➡ Test Administrations -- # of tests given per month
- ➡ Export student test data to 3<sup>rd</sup> Party data system

# Features of “Enhanced” TOPSpro Enterprise

- Student Level Class Reports (Content Standards, Competencies)
- Monitor program effectiveness
  - Class, Site and Agency Data Reports
  - Track clients in multiple programs
  - “Special Programs” feature
- Record instructional hours
- Drill-down: reports-to-data
- Customizable listers, Ad hoc reporting
- State and Federal accountability reporting (NRS Fed Tables)

# NRS Tables Monitor Report



# Promising Practice Presentation


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# Upcoming Live Training

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- Overview: TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)
  - **Thursday, April 28**
  - 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Pacific
- Implementation
  - M4: Instructional Implementation
    - **Wednesday, April 27**
    - 9:00 to 10:30 am Pacific
- To register, click link on home page

# Next National TE Network Meeting

- **Friday, May 13**, 9 am – 10:30 am Pacific
- Meeting info will be posted in “What’s New” on CASAS website.
- To check the schedule and get registered, visit <https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-facilitated-training>



# Help Documentation & Videos

## CASAS Homepage

### What's New Remote Testing

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## Training Homepage

Just getting started with  
CASAS eTests?

- See the [Going Live! Checklist](#) for more information.



### Help Documentation & Videos

- Access an index of helpful training materials, [click here](#).



Training Announcements

## Modules

### ▼ CASAS eTests Implementation

Module 1: CASAS Implementation Basics

Module 2: CASAS eTests Implementation

# Office Hours with CASAS Staff

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


- April 22
- May 6
- May 20

- Join us for one-to-one support

- Attendees drive the session with their questions

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

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- **Wednesday, August 24**
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- [Click](#) to register today!



# Thank you for attending!

**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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  - to place an order or check the status of an order
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