

CASAS National News and Updates Webinar



Message from the President

Jane Eguez
CASAS President



Jane and Arlo

"I have found that when you are deeply troubled, there are things you get from the silent, devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source."

-Doris Day



Karen and Bella Rose

COABE Educate and Advocate for Adult Education





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Contact your legislators – send one of our easy to use Take Action campaign messages.

https://www.coabe.org/faces-of-adult-education

Take Action!

- Learners Speak Out Campaign: for adult learners to submit a short video message to legislators.
- Fund the Future for Adult Learners: for adult learners to send an email to Congress.
- . Friends of Adult Ed Campaign: for those outside of the field who want to take action.
- Support Funding Campaign: for those who work in adult education.



Support Funding Campaign for those who work in adult education: https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign-page?cid=gWxjx5cBbXOkFlaXHH6F&lang=en

Fund the Future for Adult Learners:
https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign-page?cid=gWy36pcBbXOkFlaX8oT2&lang=en





Laura with Scrappy and Poochie

Agenda

- Assessment Update
- Promising Practices:
 Assessment Policies and Tips for a Successful New Program Year
- Updates: Teacher Portal, Remote Testing and Training
- A Look Back At SI 2025

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Save Time and Money with CASAS



SAVE MONEY:





CASAS Web Test Units and TEUs Never expire and are not test-specific.



CASAS offers state-wide pricing agreements.



CASAS agency set-up, tech support and online training are complimentary.

SAVE TIME:





Simplified Training



Tech Support Team is ready and responsive!



Consistency in Procedures

Assessment Update

Daniel Esko
Assessment Development
Program Manager



Daniel and "CAT" Computer Adaptive Tests



ESL Assessments - NRS Approved

Reading

Reading STEPS

Available Now!

NRS-approved through 2030

Listening

Listening STEPS

Available Now!

NRS-approved through 2030

Life and Work Reading
80 series
& Forms 27/2 15/18/314



ABE Reading Assessments NRS Approved

Reading GOALS

Available Now!

NRS-approved through

June 30, 2026



Reading GOALS 2

Available Now!

NRS-approved through

2032

GOALS 2



ABE Math Assessments NRS Approved

Math GOALS 2

Available Now!

NRS-approved through

2030 GOXLS 2



Reading GOALS 2 For ABE/ASE

Available in:

- eTests
- Paper and pencil





Reading GOALS vs Reading GOALS 2





Reading GOALS

GOXLS 2

Reading GOALS 2

4 Levels A, B, C, D

Levels 1-6

College and Career Readiness Standards

CASAS Competencies

Test Levels

NRS Levels

Standards

5 Levels A, B, C, D, E

Levels 1-6

College and Career Readiness Standards

CASAS Competencies



Visually Impaired/Blind Accommodation Materials for Reading GOXLS 2

Screen Reader Technology





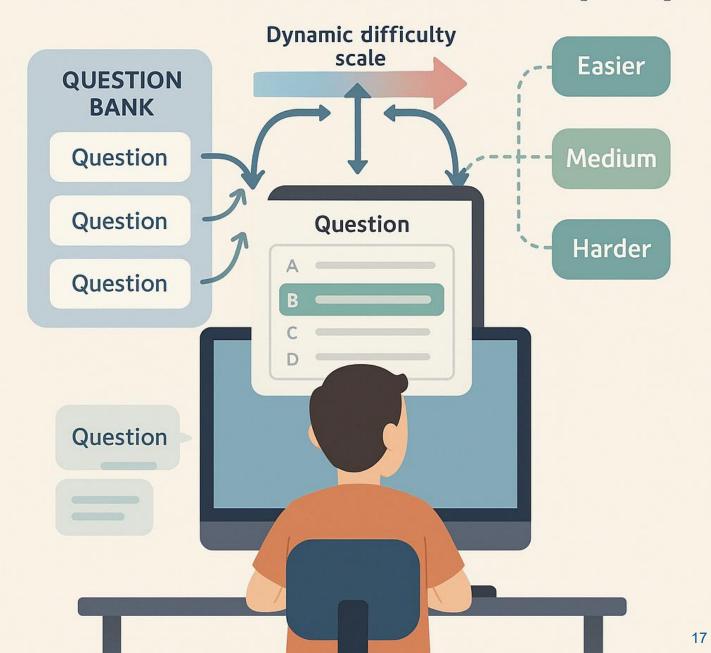




Adaptive Tests

Tailored to program needs and student ability

COMPUTER ADAPTIVE TEST (CAT)



CASAS Staff Pets







Jay's feet and Lucy

Local Assessment Policies

Jay Wright Accountability Director



Key Issues in Statewide Assessment Policy



- Uniform CASAS pre-/post-test policy for California WIOA II learners
- Recommendations for when to test students with multiple Periods of Participation (PoPs)
- Placement testing for all learners upon enrollment
- Minimum 40 hours requirement between pre- and post-tests
- Policy for assessing and reporting distance learners
- Guidelines for implementing local assessment

https://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/caacct/attachment-a.pdf?sfvrsn=2e4a11c3_30?Status=Master

Guidelines for Local Assessment



- WIOA Title II agencies must develop and implement a Local Agency Assessment Policy, and update it annually.
- Local agencies may develop their own local assessment policy guidelines but must address all state level policy in the Local Agency

Assessment template.

Considerations for Local Assessment Policy



- Establish procedure for appropriate instructional placement, and pre- and post-testing
- Maintain a calendar of the year's test dates, with specific "testing dates" and make up days for those who are absent
- Specify test security precautions and uniform test administration procedures for all programs
- Identify preferred test series and modalities, and effective strategies for using assessment results to inform instruction
- Authorize test accommodations for learners with disabilities

Considerations for Local Assessment Policy



- Specify recommended hours between tests for each program, including exceptions to 40 hours rule and procedure for approving them
- Ensure that all personnel are trained on CASAS testing procedures
- Relate assessment selection and instructional strategies to defined regional priorities and note assessment collaboration with regional partners



Define procedures for hours and assessment for special programs such as EL Civics, IET, and Distance Learning

Sections of Local Assessment Policy

CASAS*

- I. Training and Dissemination of Local Guidelines for Implementing State Assessment Policy
- II. Initial Orientation and Placement into Program and Instructional Level
- **III. Progress Testing: Pretest and Post-Test**
- IV. Use of Test Administration Manuals
- V. Training Requirements for Administering Standardized Assessments
- VI. Test Security Agreements
- **Appendix C Distance Learning**

Other Assessment Policy Issues



 Agency is not limited to issues included in the Local Assessment Policy template.

Examples of issues to address:

- Additional agency security issues
- Accommodations for disabilities
- IET/IELCE
- Information about specific eTests or pencil/paper process, such as "checklists"
- Agreements with regional partners, such as WIOA Title I, neighboring schools, local employers
- Distance Learning/Remote Testing

TIME FOR A POLL...



Which iconic dog movie best reflects the state of your TE database?

- Scooby Doo: "It's a mystery!"
- Lassie: "Timmy's in the well, but CASAS Tech Support will save him!"

Best in Show: "Champion!"

TE Beginning of the Year Tips

Carlos Rodriguez

Information Technology Lead



Carlos and Stitch

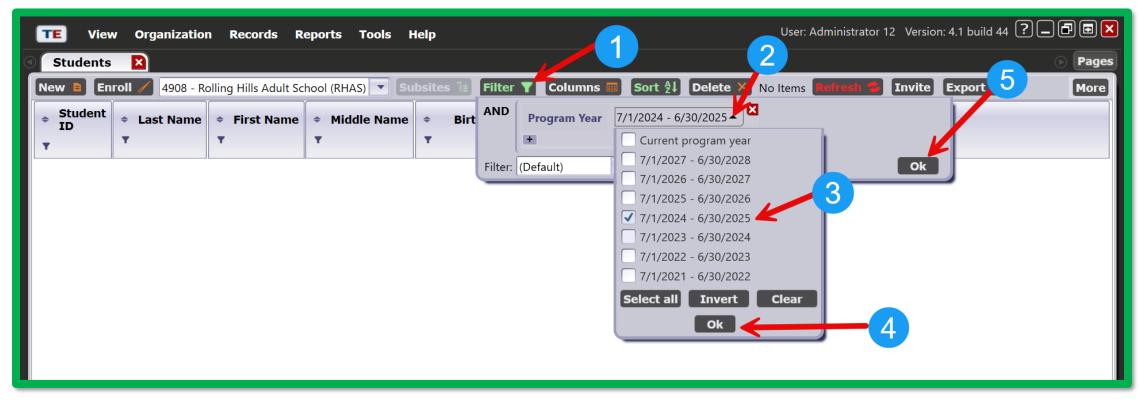
Populating Listers in the New Program Year



All TE Listers have embedded default filters that only show data with activity in the current program year.

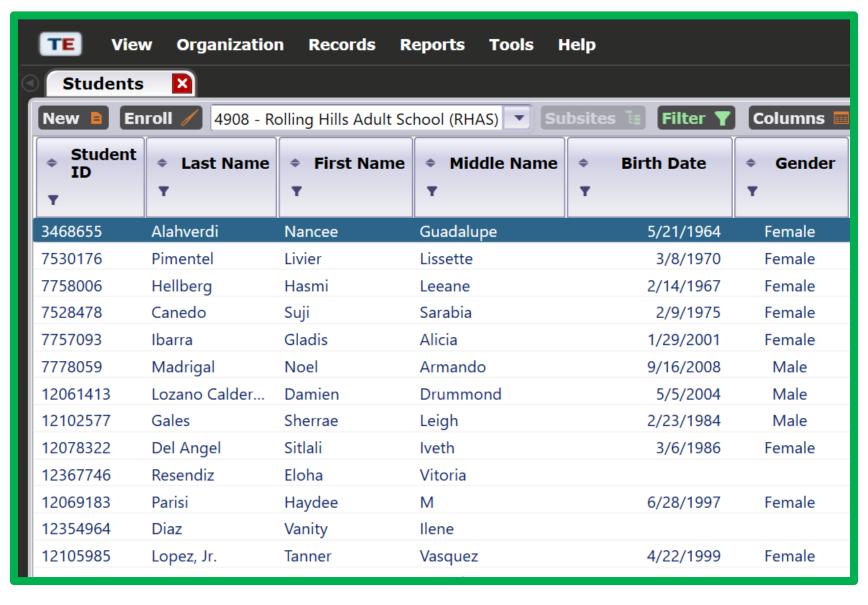
Since this is a new program year, don't forget to switch the filter to the prior program year to view data.

This is usually done at the beginning of the new program year.



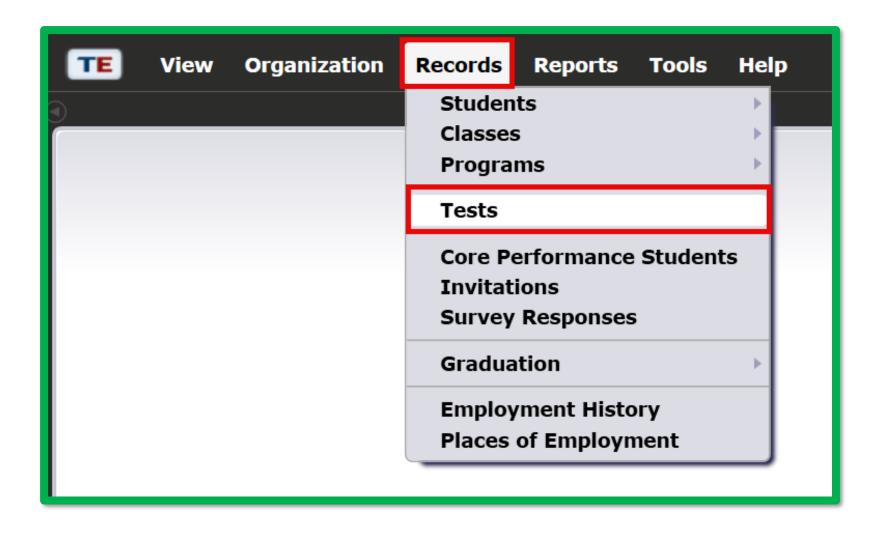
Lister populates with data from prior program year





Tests lister

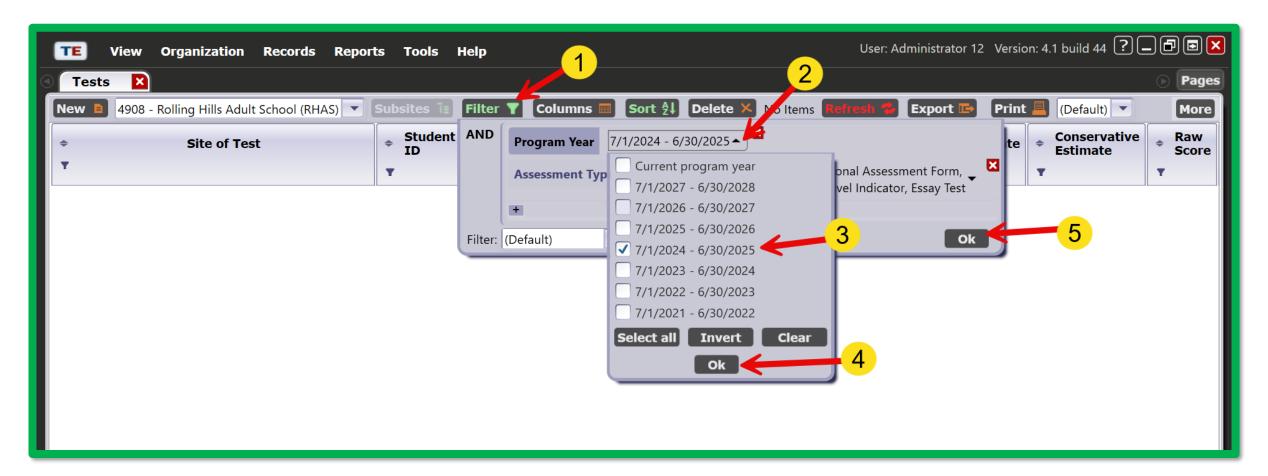




Tests Lister

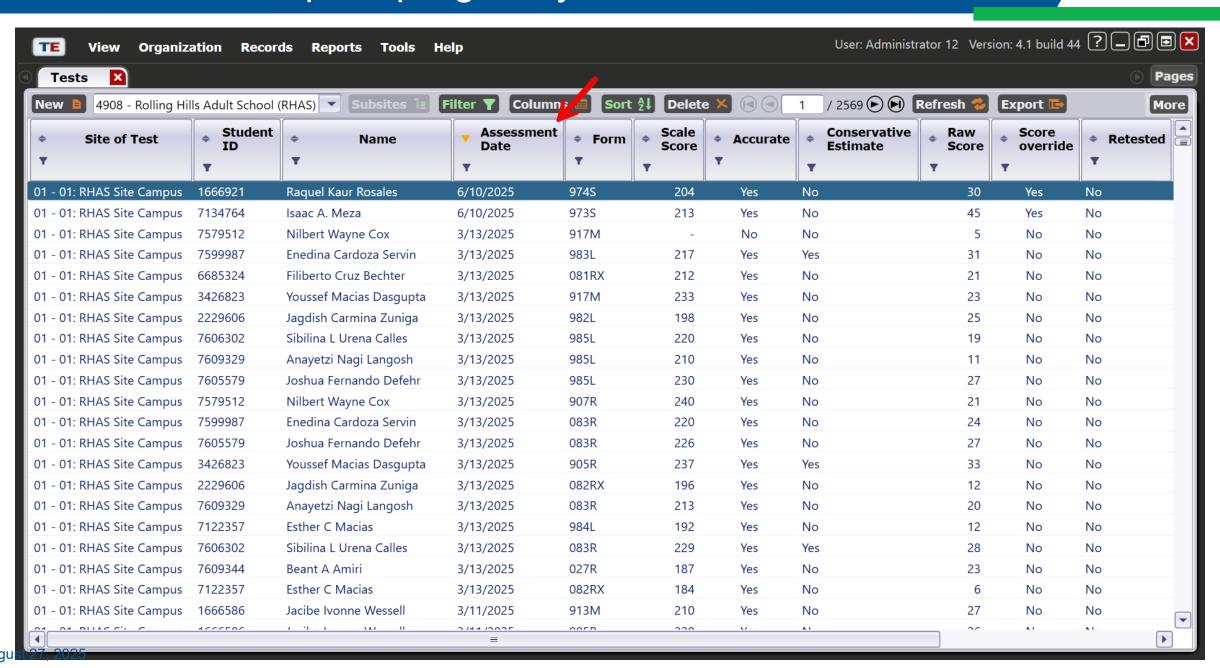


Records > Tests > Filter > Set program year 24-25



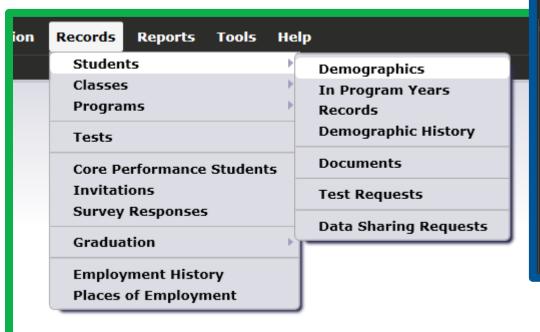
Tests lister from prior program year

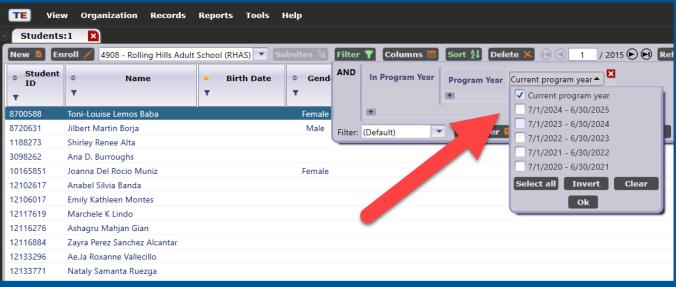






Merging Duplicate Students





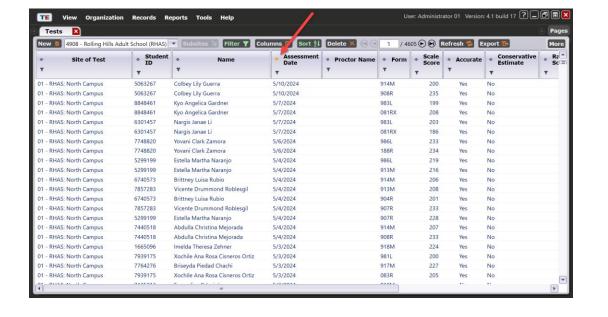
- Records > Students > Demographics
- **DEFAULT:** Shows student records with activity in the *current program year*
- Use filters to find specific students
- Merge duplicate students



Where are my Tests?

- Records > Tests
- Default Sorting is the latest Assessment Date







TE TIPS – Don't fret, replicate

- Classes
 - Class Instances →



- Students
 - Student Demographics →
- Users Access:
 - Users →
 - Admin
 - Coordinators Is Disabled:
 - Proctors

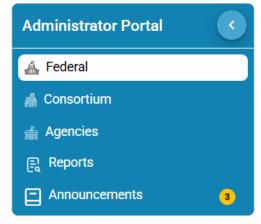


3rd Party Import Wizard

- Personnel and User Data from a 3rd party system (PERS)
- Class Data from a 3rd party system (CLS)
- Demographic Data from a 3rd party system (DEM)
- Student Program Status from a 3rd party system (SPS)
- Entry Data from a 3rd party system (ENTR)
- Student Class Status from a 3rd party system (SCS)
- Attendance Data from a 3rd party system (ATT)
- Test Data from a 3rd party system (TEST)
- Update Data from a 3rd party system (UPDT)
- High School Exam Results from a 3rd party system (HSE)

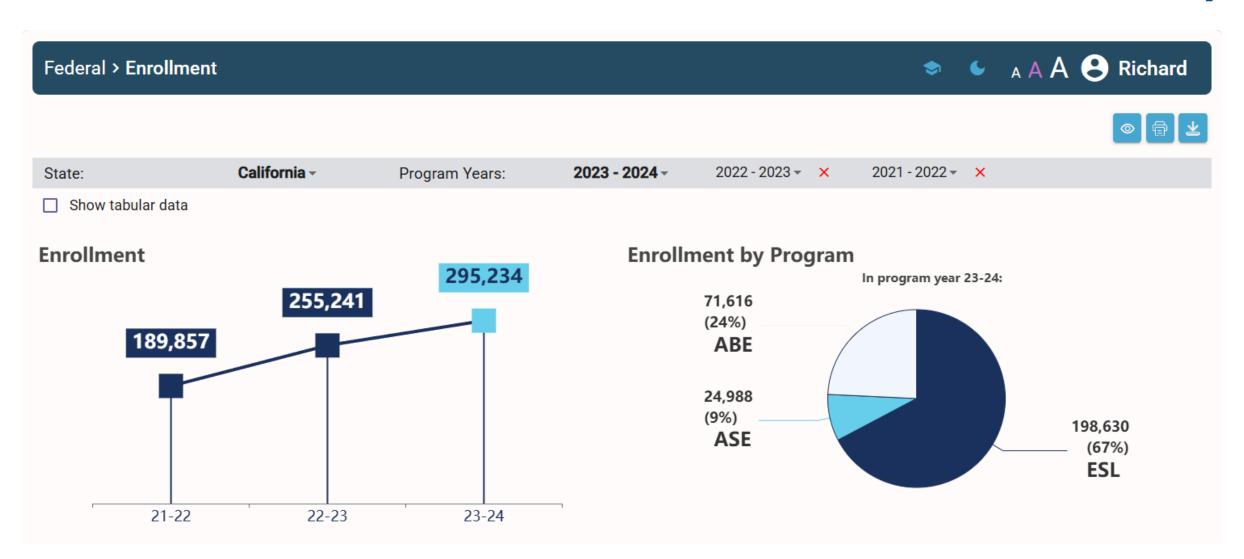


ADMIN PORTAL





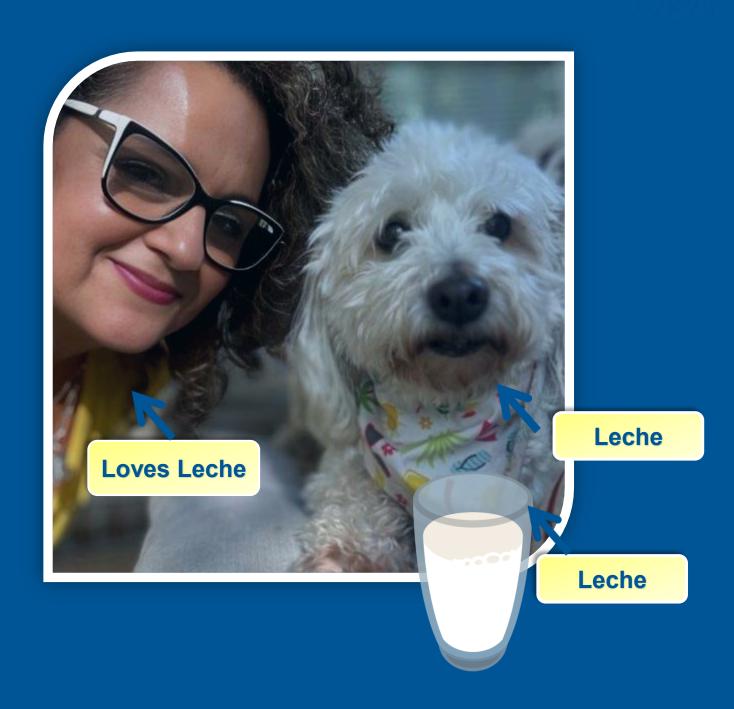




Teacher Portal Growth 2023 vs. 2024

Karla Galleguillos

National Program and Technology Specialist





TEACHER PORTAL: Growth by Number of States

STATE ADOPTION GROWTH:

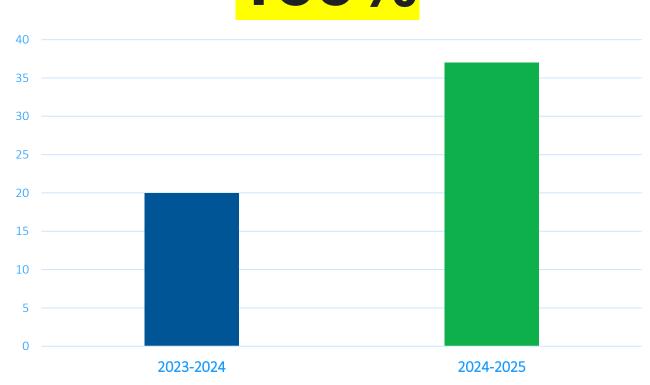
185%

SCHOOL YEAR	STATES
2023-2024	20

2024-2025 37









TEACHER PORTAL: Growth by Number of Agencies

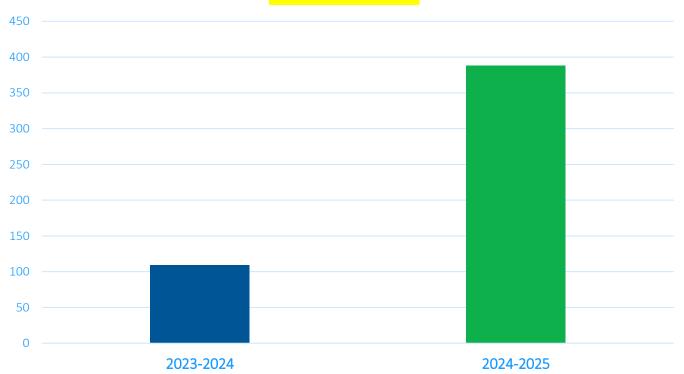
SCHOOL STATES YEAR

2023-2024	109
2024-2025	388



AGENCY ADOPTION GROWTH:

356%





TEACHER PORTAL: Growth by *Users

SCHOOL YEAR **STATES**

2023-2024

389

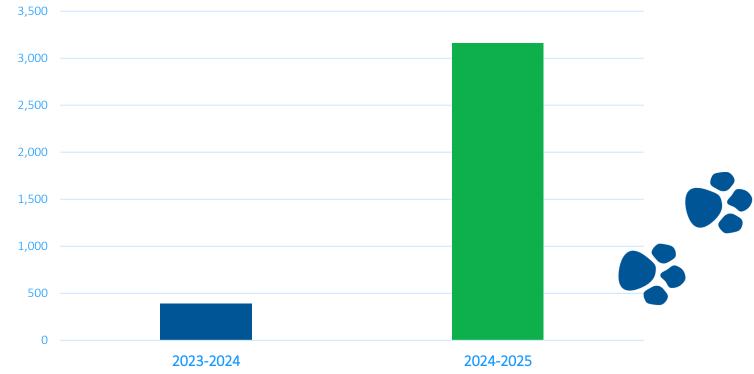
2024-2025

3,161

*Users: Number of unique persons who logged into the portal

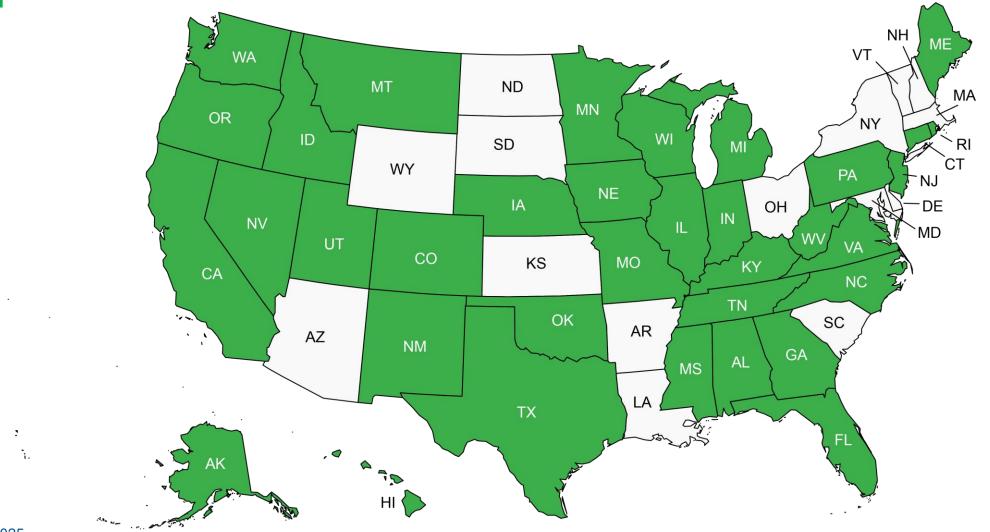


*Users: # of unique persons who logged into the portal





TEACHER PORTAL: Growth by Number of States (2024-2025)



CASAS eTests / TE Updates: Remote Testing

Elizabeth and cat

Elizabeth (Scheib) Gotschall

National Program and Onboarding Specialist



Remote Testing Myths

 #1 – Station Registration Code will not appear unless the Proctor starts a Remote Testing Session on eTests.

Incorrect!

The Station Registration Code will appear for both in-person and remote testing sessions.





Remote Testing Myths

 #2 – The Proctor cannot remote test the student without viewing their full screen.

Incorrect!

Similar to in-person testing, the proctor must view the test taker (with camera and audio) and can monitor progress via eTests.





Remote Testing Myths

• #3 – Proctors can only test one student at time.

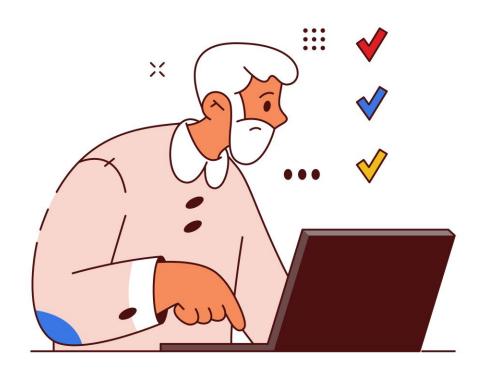
Incorrect!

CASAS Remote Testing Policy allows one proctor to test up to 15 students at a time.





Where to start with remote testing?



- Refer to the CASAS website: <u>https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/remote-testing</u>
- CASAS Remote Testing Hub: <u>https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/remote-testing-hub</u>
- Email us at remotetesting@casas.org
- Stay tuned for new changes to the remote testing platform coming this fall!

Training Update

Astrid Robitaille

National Program and Online Training Specialist

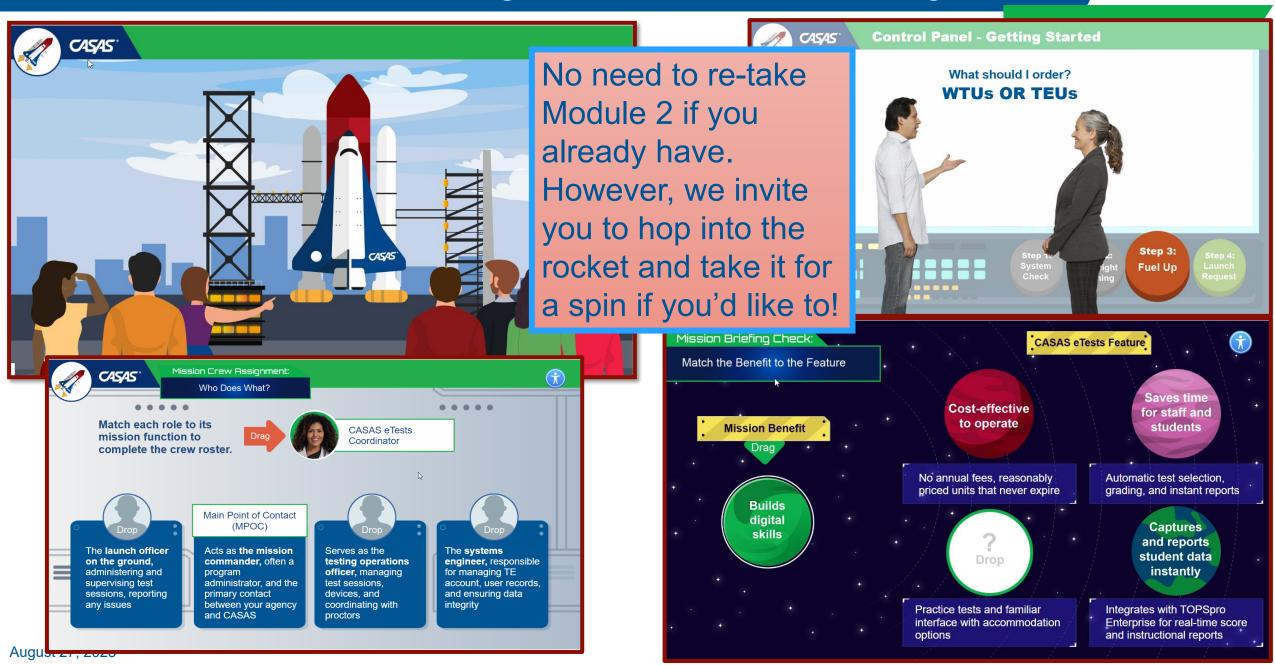


Astrid with Joker and Tarry



NEW Module 2: Launching CASAS eTests Training





IMORTANT REMINDER: TRAINING SITE RESET





Training progress and certificates earned in PY 2024-2025 are no longer available.

HOWEVER, you can log into the CASAS homepage, click on your name at the top of the page, and print your training history to verify your training completions

Wrap it Up!

Kristine Kruczek Mains National Program and Training Specialist

... and Lana Pearl







Office Hours with CASAS Staff



Fridays, 11am Pacific / 2pm Eastern

September 5

September 19

October 10

October 24



Rover says, "Rrrregister today!"

https://www.casas.org/ training-and-support





Wednesday, November 12, 2025

11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern



Thank you for joining the CASAS Crew!



