Webinar Topics

Test Development & Remote Testing Update

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Promising Practice Presentation: “Implementation of TE Classmate” from Cerritos College, CA

CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update – Tips and Tricks

CASAS News
Welcome to the November 2021 CASAS National Webinar!

- Your phones and computers are automatically muted.

- Please post questions related to the presentation in the Q & A, not in the Chat Box. Due to the large attendance, CASAS Staff will respond later to any unanswered questions.

- Please only post technical difficulties about using Zoom for today’s webinar in the Chat Box.

- Recording of the webinar and PPT will be posted in the “What’s New” section in the “News and Updates Webinars” page on www.casas.org. (https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars)
Before we start: Webinar Tips

- Check your audio settings
- 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)
- Enable Closed Captions
“Q&A”: Questions for the Presenter

- Type questions directly related to the presentation

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CASAS News
Test Development and Remote Testing

Linda Taylor
CASAS VP Assessment Development
New Developments in Remote Testing

- Remote testing with 3rd party proctoring service – CASAS is exploring this additional option
  - Please email remotetesting@casas.org if interested in this.

- Remote testing of Listening, Reading and Math on phones
  - Ongoing pilot data collection

- Remote testing up to 12 students at a time using Approach 2 or 3
  - Ongoing pilot

- Development of eTests mobile app with integration of video conferencing
  - In development
NRS-approved CASAS 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

All are NRS-approved to **February 2023**
(like all other NRS-approved ESL tests)
Current & Next GOALS Series and NRS Status

For ABE/ASE

• Reading GOALS - approved through 2025
  • Next Reading GOALS series in development
• Math GOALS for ABE/ASE - approved through 2023
  • Next Math GOALS series in development

For ESL

• ESL Reading GOALS and Listening GOALS
  • Final form studies in progress
  • To be submitted for NRS approval in 2022
Research Studies

Karen Burger
National Program Specialist & Field Test Coordinator
Benefits of Participating in Research Studies

• National Study – Ensures your adult learners are represented in the development of new tests
• Helps build students’ test-taking confidence
• Diminishes test anxiety – can be used as a practice test before post-testing
• Gives practitioners an opportunity to look at new assessments
• Contributes to the creation of valid and reliable tests for future use throughout the country
Math GOALS Item Testing – Urgent need

- **When?** Now and ongoing
  - Math Final Forms Studies begin in January
- **Who?** ABE and ASE Learners
  - ESL students at NRS Level 4 in Reading
- **Delivery?** CASAS eTests
- **Methodology?** Locator + up to three level tests
- **Student gift cards:** $5 for 1\textsuperscript{st} field test, $10 each for 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} field tests.
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units
Participate in CASAS Final Forms Studies
Listening and Reading for ESL

- **When?** Now and ongoing through June 2022
- **Who?** Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs and ABE students whose first language is not English
  - All levels are needed
  - **Level A Test-Takers (NRS 1 & 2) are especially needed**
- **Delivery?** eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
  - **Paper Testers Especially Needed**
- **Methodology?** Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- **Student gift cards:** $5 per test completed
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. Consider as practice tests to help prepare for post-testing.

• **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 we access the field tests?**
  ▫ We will put a specially configured testing session in your eTests account.

• **How will students get the gift cards?**
  ▫ CASAS orders Target gift cards; mailed directly to your agency for distribution to students.

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How do I get started?

- Communicate with teachers/administrators in program
- Gather information about participation
- Ask students about their interest

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

- Fieldtesting@casas.org
- Karen Burger
  - kburger@casas.org
  - 800.255.1036 ext. 177
Demographics Needed!

For Ongoing eTests Unscored Embedded Field Test Items

We need your help!

These data elements are essential for CASAS test research studies:

- Gender
- Native Language
- Ethnicity/Race

A student only needs to enter this info one time.

How to video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-taWcS4EPVU&t=8s

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CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update

Janice Fera
National Program & Technology Specialist
Polls

• Please answer a poll question about TE Classmate.
• Submit your answers.
Polls

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

2. Submit the poll

3. Close the poll

Answer the poll
Promising Practice Presentation

“Cerritos College Implementation of TE Classmate”
Tischel Diaz, Program Assistant / CASAS Coordinator
Adult Education & Diversity Programs Department
Cerritos College, Norwalk, CA
Classmate Q & A

TOPSpro Enterprise Classmate

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Automatically Generating Student IDs

Fast, unique, and secure
Polls

• Please answer a poll question about Autogenerating Student IDs.
• Submit your answers.
Understanding Student IDs

• What does a Student Record contain?
  • Demographics: name, email/phone, birthdate, race/ethnicity
  • UNIQUE STUDENT ID NUMBER

TOPSpro Enterprise (TE) uses the Student ID to link all records related to that individual
How are Student IDs Created?

- The data entry person must assign one when creating a NEW student record
- eTests can create the Student ID
- Data imported from 3rd party system already assigned a unique Student ID.

FACT: TOPSpro Enterprise (TE) has always prevented creating duplicate IDs
Now TE Can Autogenerate Student IDs

• What’s an Autogenerated ID?
  ▫ Random ID generator combines alphabetic and numeric characters
  ▫ Up to 12 characters long
  ▫ Random or fixed format
  ▫ Assigned automatically by TE and eTests

• Advantages:
  ▫ Better coordination between multiple sites
  ▫ Say “goodbye” to manual methods (shared documents)

• Better Security:
  ▫ Defined by the Data Manager/IT Department for each agency
  ▫ Billions of possible ID sequences
  ▫ Won’t change any existing student records
## Three Methods

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<td>10</td>
<td>Name+DOB+counter</td>
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<td>6 plus [1 to 6]</td>
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Example (Method #3): First two letters of last name (FE), first two letters of first name (JA), birth month (10), and two random characters (1A).
Define an Autogeneration Method

- In TE: Organization → Agencies
Wizard: Autogeneration Method

Three ID autogeneration methods are available to select from. One has a fixed format, while the other two have a customizable format.

For customizable formats, once all parameters are selected you get the number of possible IDs to generate, plus a sample of an autogenerated ID.

Switching to autogenerated IDs does not change any existing data. The autogeneration method only applies to new student records.

**ID Autogeneration Method:** Random
Numeric or alphanumeric IDs of chosen length, randomly generated

**ID Type**
- Numeric IDs
- Alphanumeric IDs

**ID Length**
- 5 characters
- 6 characters
- 7 characters
- 8 characters
- 9 characters

The current selections allow for 2,176,755,482 unique IDs
A sample of autogenerated ID using current selections: O2EM47
For more information...

• Automatically Generating IDs Overview document

• How to collect student demographics during eTests:

Summary: Autogenerate Student IDs

• Creates unique STUDENT IDs
  ▫ Three different formats
  ▫ Billions of possible sequences
  ▫ Secure, alphanumeric identifiers

• Fully-automated within TE and eTests

• Reduces overhead for remote student record creation
  ▫ Won’t change EXISTING data
Windows 11

• Microsoft has released the massive update called Windows 11

• TE and eTests have been tested in this environment... so when you’re ready to migrate we’ve already got you covered.
Thanksgiving Weekend 2021 – Server Maintenance

Maintenance Notification

CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Enterprise and will be unavailable from 11:00 pm Pacific November 24 to the end of day November 28, for maintenance and upgrades.

Thank you for your understanding. Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday!

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CASAS News
Live Facilitated Training

- Live Facilitated Implementation Trainings resume in January
- For November and December:
  - Complete Self-Study, Online Implementation Training
- Live Overview: TOPSpro Enterprise (TE)
  - Thursday, December 9
  - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Pacific
- **CLICK to register**
National TE Network Meetings

• Meetings will focus on:
  ▫ NRS guidelines
  ▫ Learning “tips and tricks” from accomplished TE practitioners
  ▫ TE features such as the TE Proxy Wizard
  ▫ Test results and reports

• Confer online with TE data managers and CASAS assessment coordinators from all states to network and share best practices for testing and data collection.

• Participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.

• Every other month, on Fridays at 9 am Pacific/Noon Eastern.

  Next meeting: January 14, 9 am – 10:30 am Pacific

• Meeting info will be posted in “What’s New” on CASAS website.

• CLICK to register
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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.

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. See the schedule on the CASAS website.

- Join us to get one-on-one support, help, suggestions and just plain old encouragement in using CASAS.

- Attending participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.

- Register for Office Hours at: https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours
Next Monthly News & Updates Webinar

- Wednesday, January 19
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Click to register today!
Thank you for attending!

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  - Ask any question - including what materials to order

- Order Department – orders@casas.org
  - to place an order or check the status of an order

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