

CASAS National News and Updates Webinar

December 6, 2023



Welcome to the December 2023 CASAS National Webinar

- Presentation questions?

USE Q & A

- Technical Difficulties?

USE CHAT

- **PowerPoint** is posted on the website.

<https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/webinars>

- Webinar recording will be posted by **December 13.**



Agenda

- Test Development and Research Updates
- Promising Practice Presentation: ELP Standards Unlocked
- CASAS eTests Update
- Training Update
- Important Reminders

Assessment Update

Daniel Esko

Assessment Development Program Manager

ESL Assessments - NRS Approved

Reading STEPS

Ready for use!

NRS-approved through

2030

Listening STEPS

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2030



ESL Assessments - NRS Approved

Life and Work Reading

**80 series and
Forms 27/28, 513/514**

**Approved through
June 30, 2024**

Life and Work Listening

980 series

**Approved through
June 30, 2024**

ABE Math Assessments - NRS Approved

Math GOALS



Approved through
June 30, 2024

Math GOALS 2



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ABE Reading Assessments Current NRS Approval

Reading GOALS



NRS-approved through
March 2025

Reading GOALS 2



In development
Field Testing
October 2023
through June 2024

Accommodations and Accessibility Features

Accommodations

- Extra Time
- Breaks
- Screen Readers
- Large Print Booklets

Accessibility Features

- Text Size
- Magnification
- Color Combinations

Accommodation Materials

Setting up Accommodations Test Sessions

Template Name	Session Name
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ABE/ASE	LAB:??? - Accommodations: Double Time
ABE/ASE	LAB:??? - Accommodations: Time + One Half
ABE/ASE	LAB:??? - Accommodations: Untimed
ESL/ELL	LAB:??? - Accommodations: Double Time
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ESL/ELL	LAB:??? - Accommodations: Untimed

Visual Impairment/Blindness Supplemental Materials

- Testing Guidelines for students using Screen Readers such as JAWS
- Scripts for Readers/Scribes
- Tactile Graphic Booklets for Math GOALS 2

Accessibility Features

The screenshot shows the 'Accessibility Features' configuration window within the 'eTests Online - TCQAE0' application. The window title bar includes the user name 'Bogdan Gudulea' and a 'Logout' button. The main content area is titled 'Accessibility Features' and contains the following elements:

- Default Text Size:** Three radio button options, all labeled 'Text Size'. The first option is selected.
- Preview Color Combination:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'Preview Color Combination'. Below it is a preview area containing:
 - A text box with the text 'Test Question'.
 - Four input fields, each with a checkbox and the text 'Answer Option'.
- Color Combinations:** A list of seven options, each with a radio button and a corresponding colored bar with the text 'Example':
 - Option 1: Selected, white bar.
 - Option 2: Yellow bar.
 - Option 3: Light red bar.
 - Option 4: White bar with blue text.
 - Option 5: Yellow bar.
 - Option 6: Black bar with yellow text.
 - Option 7: Blue bar.
- Disable default keyboard shortcuts (using screen reader for this session):** An unchecked checkbox.

At the bottom of the window are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Enterprise Updates

Luke Philley
Tech Support Specialist

Thank you for Your Patience

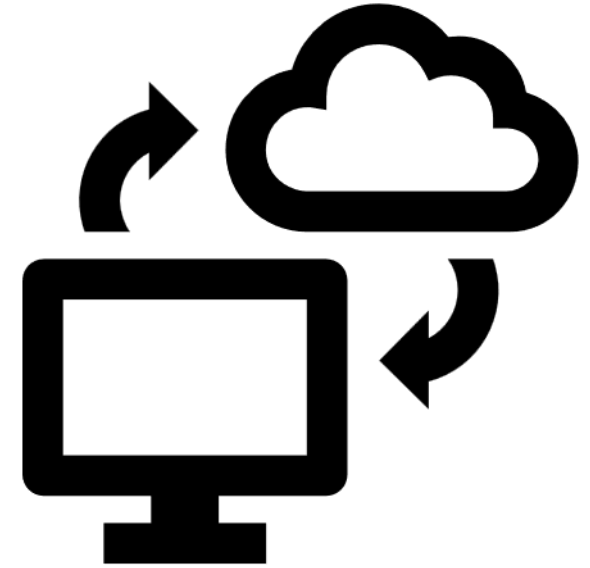
- We appreciate your continued patience as some CASAS users are experiencing eTests disruptions.
- This is due, in part, to the increased demand for CASAS assessments.
- We want to congratulate agencies that are seeing an increase in testing because students are coming back to school.
- Part of our solution is adding server for the state of Florida which will alleviate eTests disruptions during peak times.

Take a Test Implementation Extended



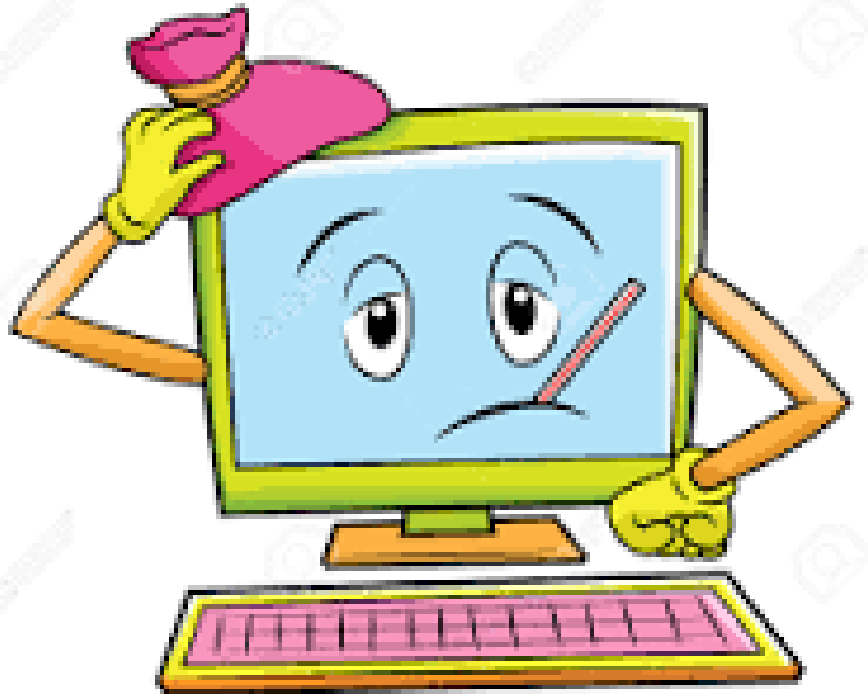
Setting up Take a Test is simple!

- All Windows computers
- Not needed for Chromebooks or iPads
- “Safe Exam Browser” Solution for Remote Testing



[Download the User Guide](#)

[Get the How-To video](#)



Tech Support

If you have any questions or need assistance

Call: 1 (800) 255-1036, option 2

email techsupport@casas.org

Time for a Poll!

Which topic is at the top of your professional development wish list?



- Assisting teachers with ELP Standards**
- Learning how to use the new CASAS reports**
- Gift of time**
- All of the above**

A Focus on Academic Success: ELP Standards Unlocked

Veronica Pavon-Baker
Director, Adult Programs
Literacy Volunteers of Collier County

CASAS Reports: Your Compass for a Professional Development Plan

Laura Fetter
Program Development Manager

Content Area Summary by Form Level

New TE report by agency.

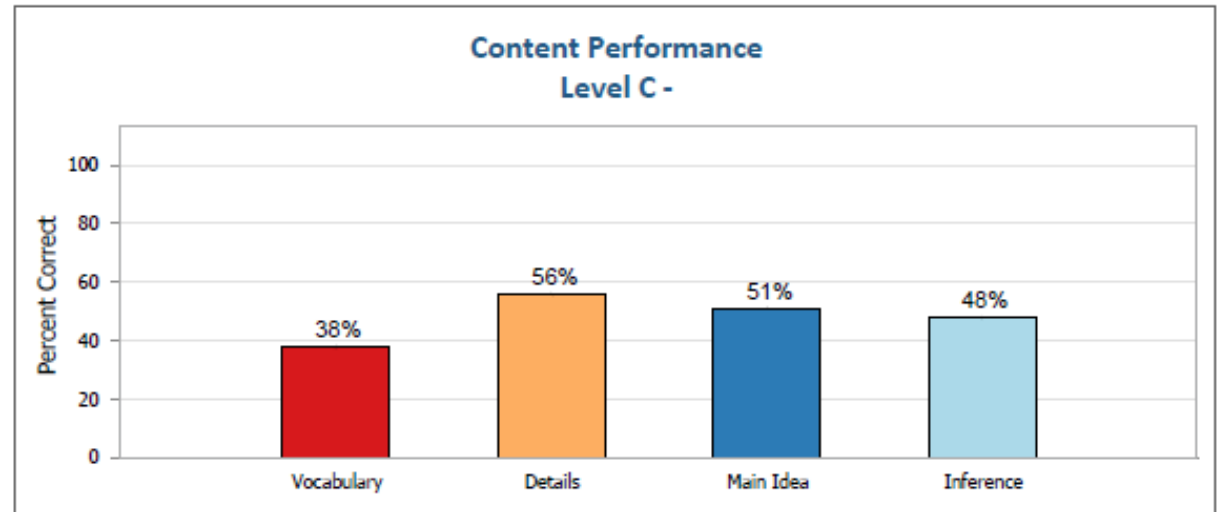


Agency Content Area

by Agency

ONAS2

Agency: Form Level: C
 Level Scale: CASAS STEPS Reading Total tests: 388



English Language Proficiency Standards Reading Content Areas	ELP Standard	N	% Correct
Vocabulary			
Understand high-frequency words Understand academic vocabulary	8	2328	38 %
Details			
Retell key details	1	8148	56 %
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Field Testing Opportunities

Karen Burger
National Program and Field Studies Specialist

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– *Adult learner from YWCA New Britain, Connecticut*

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Reading 2 Final Form Studies

When?

- Now – June 30, 2024

Who?

- All Levels ABE / ASE learners

Delivery?

- eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)

Methodology?

- Locator/Appraisal + One or two level field tests

Reading 2 Field Testing

Student Gift Cards

- \$15 for one completed field test
- \$40 to two completed field tests
- \$60 for three completed field tests

Complimentary Web-Testing Units

- 100 free WTUs / TEUs for participating!

Reading Field Testing

Learning Gains Studies

- Students take a locator/appraisal + pre-test
- After 70-100 hours of instruction students take a post-test

Level A Field Testing

- No locator or appraisal before Level A test(s)
- Learners with Reading GOALS Scale Score 208 and below

GED Comparison Study

- Students take a field test (Level D or E)
- Receive a free voucher for GED Ready subtest.
- Also available for students with Math GOALS 2 scores

How do I get started?

- Communicate with teachers/administrators in program
- Create a plan for implementation
- Contact CASAS for support along the way!
- More info on the field-testing opportunities page at casas.org



Contact Karen Burger
fieldtesting@casas.org



What's New

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Training Update

Astrid Robitaille
National Program and Online Training Specialist



New! CASAS Test Series Overview

▼ New CASAS Test Series Overview

Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems www.casas.org

CASAS is thrilled to announce three new test series now published in the Federal Register and available for your programs to use through 2030!

This presentation gives you the option to learn more about the new CASAS Reading and Listening STEPS series for ESL learners, or the new Math GOALS 2 series for ABE/ASE learners.

To receive a certificate for completing this module:

1. View the presentation based on your learner population(s)
2. Submit the Test Security Agreement
3. Generate the Certificate of Completion

A photograph of three people in an office setting. A woman in a dark blazer and patterned top stands in the center, smiling. To her left, a man with glasses and a pink shirt sits at a desk with a laptop. To her right, a woman with long dark hair sits at a desk, also smiling.

Course Categories



CASAS Help Documentation and Resources




New CASAS Test Series Overview



PREVIEW OF **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

CASAS eTests Proctor Certification

Slide Name: Proctor Role and Responsibilities	
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Video:	Audio: Standard Slide
Script (N= Narrator)	On-Screen
3.1	<p>The key terms used in this chapter are: eTests Proctor, test security, accommodation, eTests Coordinator, proctor station, testing station.</p> <p>So you have been assigned as an eTests proctor.</p> <p>If you have never been a test proctor you probably don't realize just how important this is or what goes into this job. The next few</p>
	<p>Visuals:</p>  <p>Image of a person ("You" the new proctor)</p>
	<p>Text: Role and Responsibilities</p>
	<p>Animation: Key terms: eTests Proctor, accommodation, eTests station, testing station.</p>

CASAS eTests Proctor Certification is undergoing a complete overhaul!

- Interactive
- Multi-media
- For new eTests Proctors AND recertifications
- Available soon.... Stay tuned!

All modules are in the process of being updated with new test series information:

- Updated test reports
- Blueprints
- ELP Standards

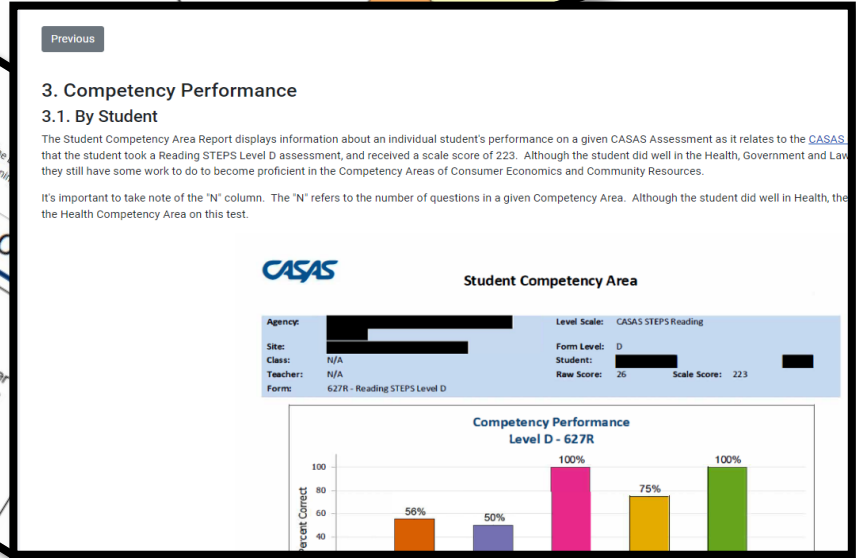
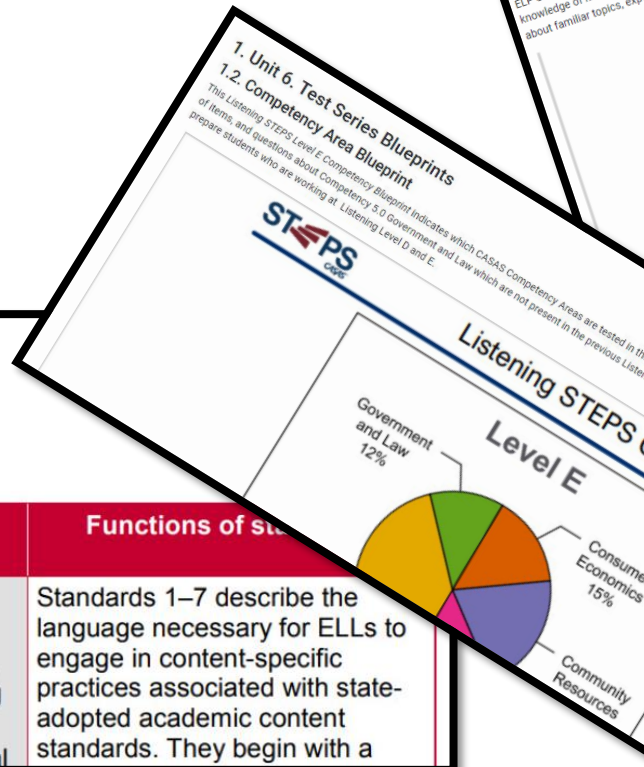
1. Unit 5. English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS)

1.1. ELPS Information


As a whole, the ELP Standards for AE focus on all four domains of language acquisition: **listening, speaking, reading, and writing.**

This chart shows ELP Standards 1 through 10.

ELP Standards for AE An ELL can...	Functions of standards
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through level-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing. participate in level-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, in various social and academic contexts, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions. speak and write about level-appropriate complex literary and informational 	Standards 1–7 describe the language necessary for ELLs to engage in content-specific practices associated with state-adopted academic content standards. They begin with a



What about Form 27/28?

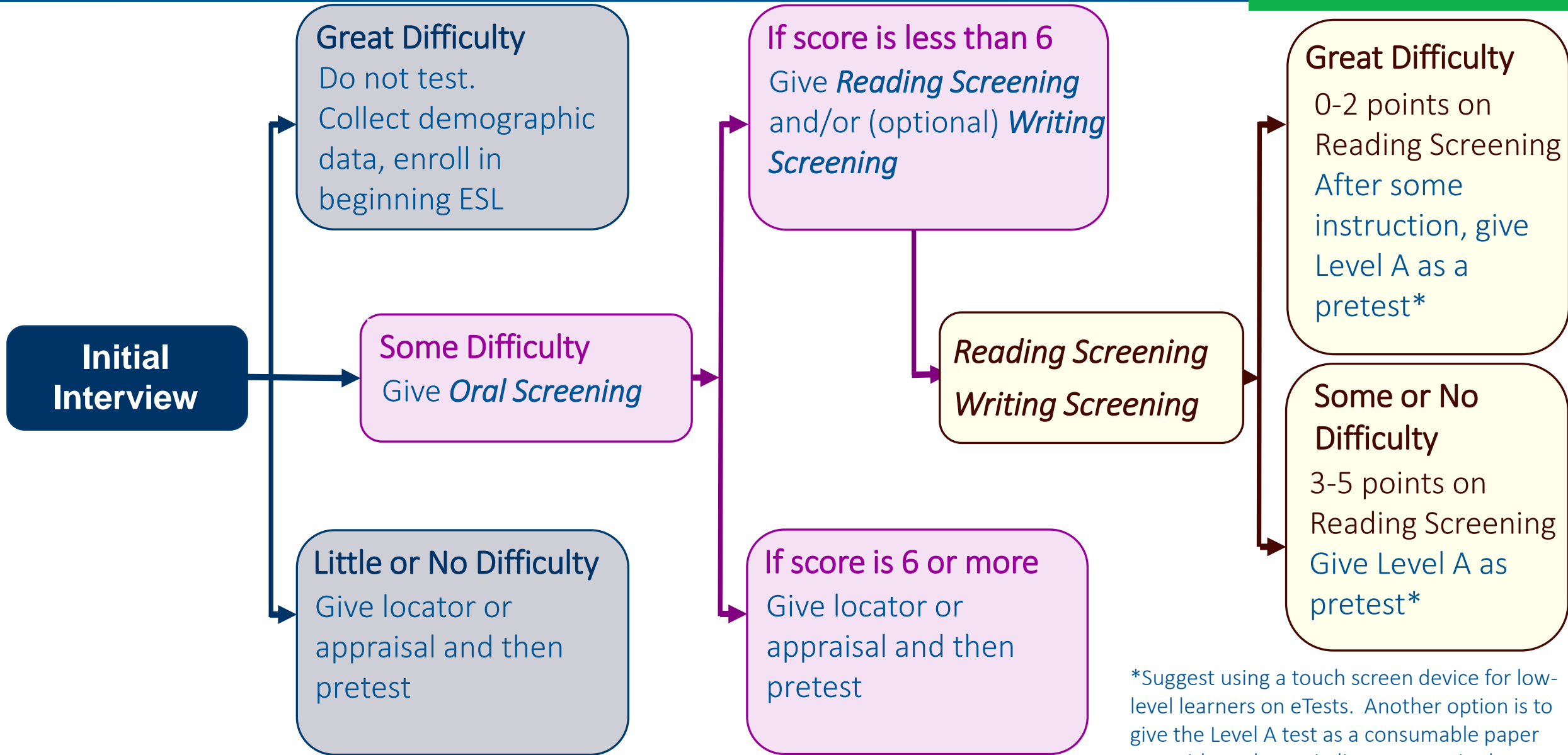
A photograph of a man with dark hair and a beard, looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression, his hand resting on his chin. A green thought bubble is connected to his head.

Forms 27/28 are gone? What do I do with my low-literacy ESL students when they come into the program?

The STEPS Level A test may be administered as a consumable paper test with students circling answers in the test booklet.

A touch screen device is suggested for low-level learners on eTests.

Updated Intake Screening Guidelines for STEPS



*Suggest using a touch screen device for low-level learners on eTests. Another option is to give the Level A test as a consumable paper test with students circling answers in the test booklet.

Summer Institute



Kristine Mains
National Program and Training Specialist

The logo features a stylized sun with orange rays on the left. To its right, the word "CASYS" is written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Further right, the word "National" is in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. Below "CASYS National", the words "Summer Institute" are written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of "Summer Institute", the year "2024" is written in a large, green, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background with a blue and green decorative header at the top.

CASYS National
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Save the Date!

June 17-20, 2024

Hyatt Regency Orange County, California

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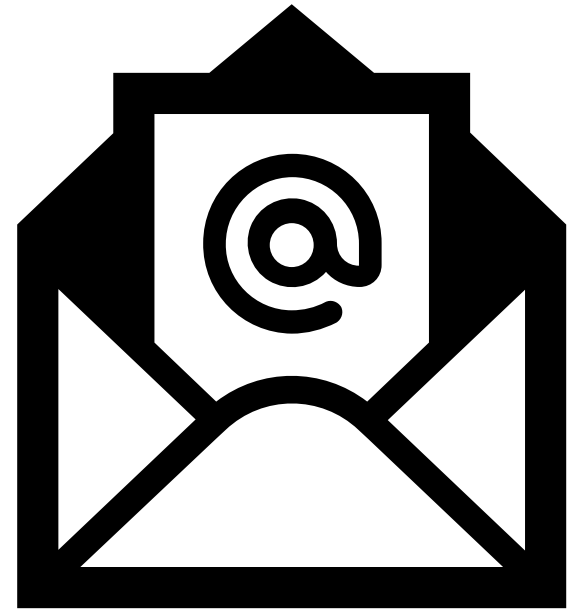
A man in a blue shirt is holding a white sign. The sign has text on it. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a plant and some furniture.

Conference Registration
Begins January 15, 2024

**OPENING
SOON**

Questions?
Need assistance with
group registrations?

Contact casas-si@casas.org



Next News & Updates Webinar

- **Wednesday, February 7, 2023**
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- <https://tinyurl.com/CASAS-webinar>



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