

CASAS National News and Updates Webinar



October 16, 2024



Welcome to the October 2024 CASAS National Webinar

- Presentation questions?
USE Q & A
- Technical Difficulties?
USE CHAT
- **PowerPoint** is posted on the
[Webinar Webpage](#)
- Webinar **recording will be
posted by October 23.**



Message from the President

Jane Equez
CASAS President



Let **CASAS** Be Your Co^{Compass}mpass!





Agenda

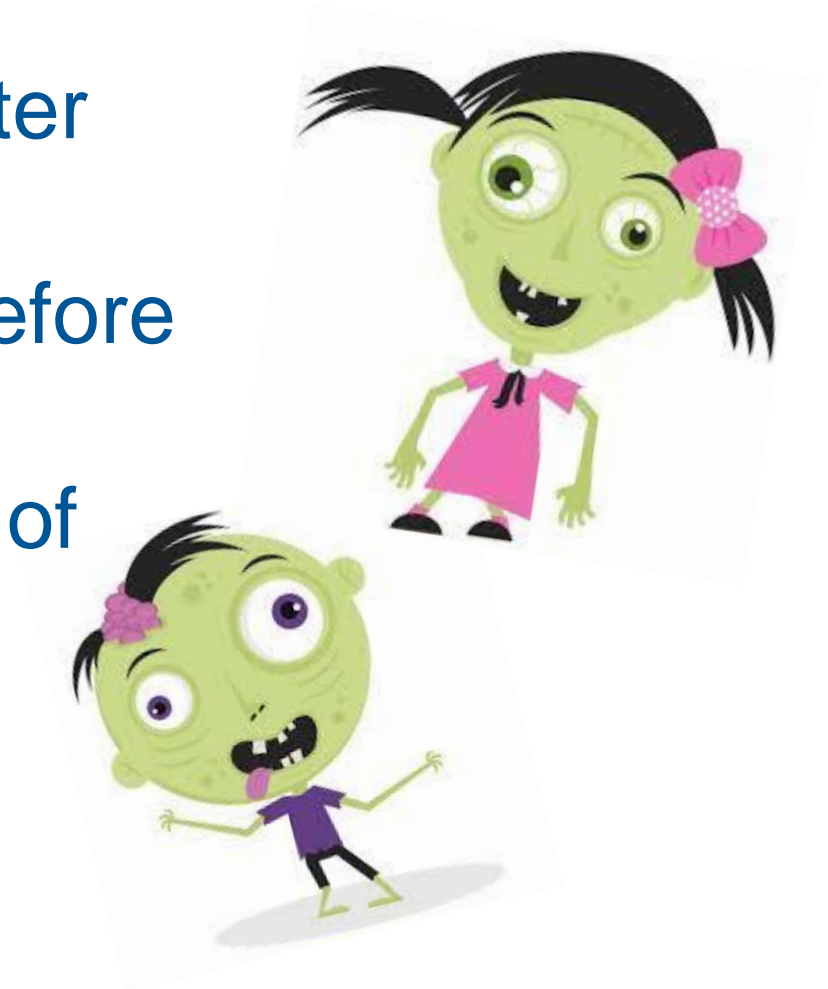
- Test Development and Research Updates
- Promising Practice: Data Chats
- TOPSpro Enterprise Updates
- Training Updates
- Important Reminders



Let **CASAS** Be Your  mpass!

What does “Zombie Issue” mean to you?

- ☐ An issue that never goes away no matter how you try to resolve it
- ☐ Something you need to escape from before it catches up with you
- ☐ The undead that keep trying to get out of your basement
- ☐ Spam emails





Assessment Update

Daniel Esko
Assessment Development Program Manager

ESL Assessments - NRS Approved

Reading	Listening
Reading STEPS Available Now! NRS-approved through 2030	Listening STEPS Available Now! NRS-approved through 2030
Life and Work Reading 80 series & Forms 27/28, 513/514	Life and Work Listening 980 series
Sunsetting 6/30/2025 CHECK YOUR STATE'S ASSESSMENT POLICY	

ABE/ASE Assessments - NRS Approved

Reading GOALS

NRS-approved through

June 30, 2025

(Sunset period

March- June 2025)



Math GOALS 2

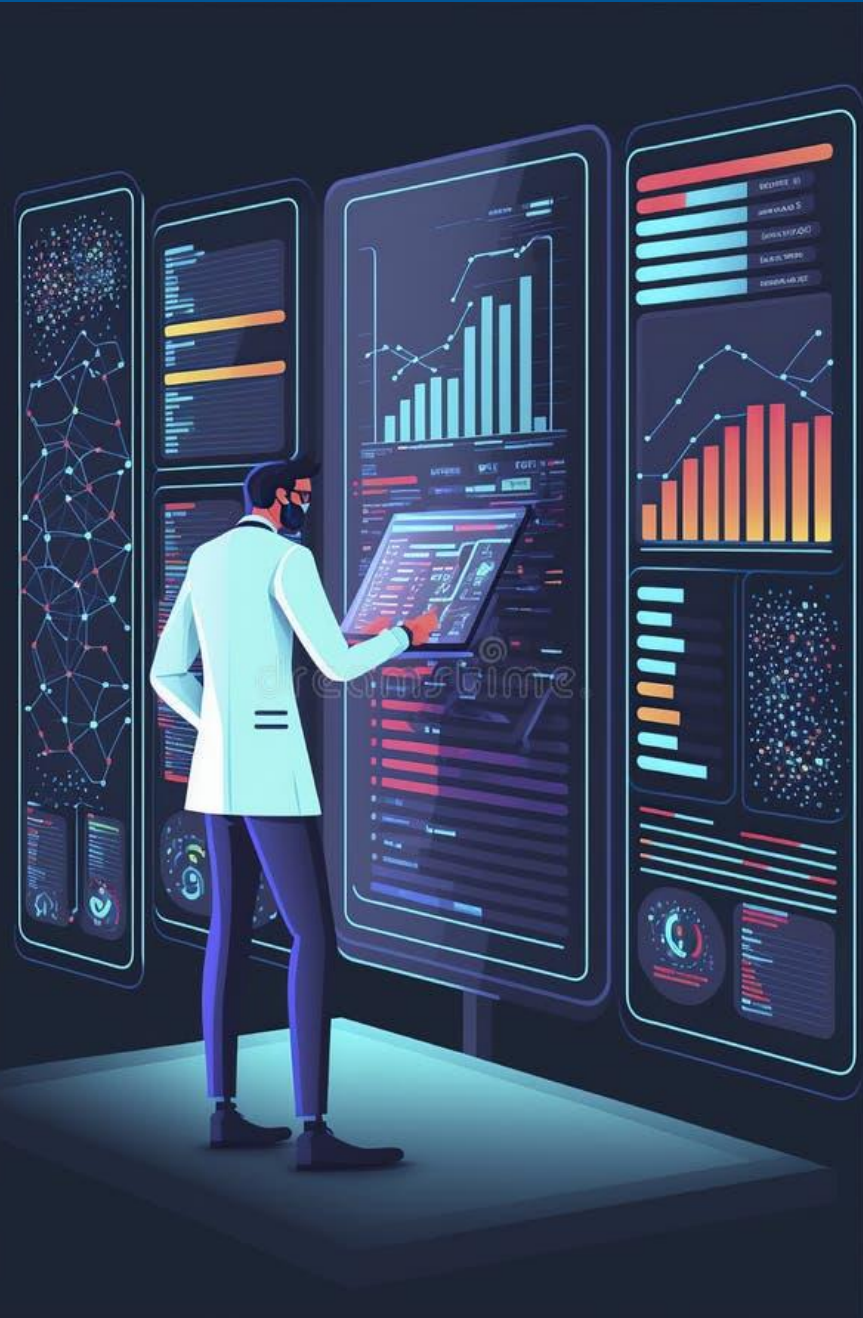
NRS-approved through

2030



Reading GOALS 2 CASAS®

**Submit for
NRS Approval**

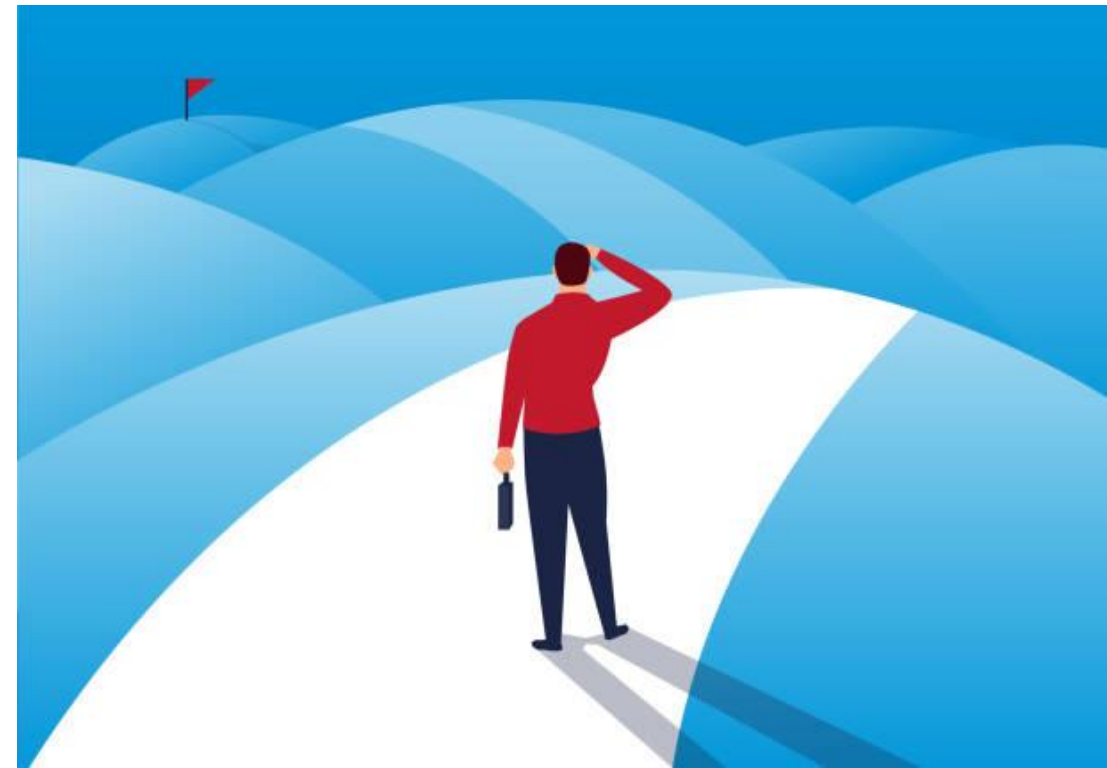


We need your help!

Fall 2024

Winter 2025

Field Testing



What's the issue with guessing??

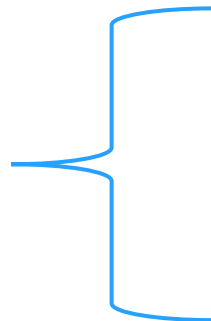




Conservative Estimate (♦) Scores



Conservative
Estimate (◆)



12	199	3	Level C Form 626R
13	200		
14	201		
15	202		
16	203		
17	204		
18	205		
19	206		
20	207	4	Level D Form 627R or 628R
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36	216◆		



Conservative Estimate Scores

Did you know that conservative estimate scores are reportable on both PRE and POST-TESTS?

NRS? OK!

CASAS? OK!

Check with your state!



Promising Practice Recap: Garden Grove's Success with New Student Orientation

View presentation from the
August 21 National Webinar:

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



Goals for a Two-Day Orientation

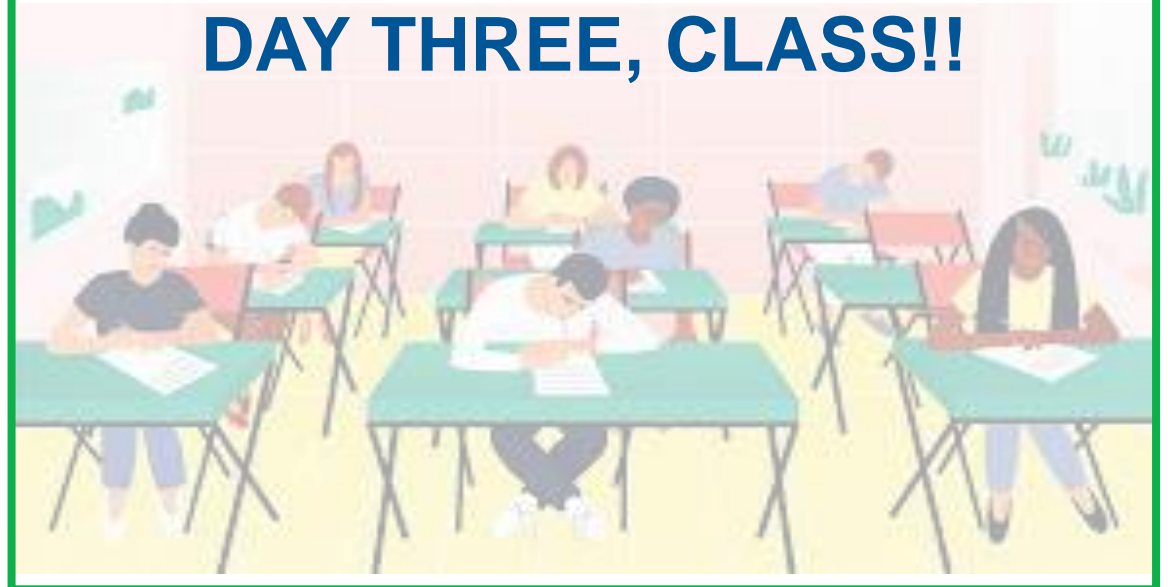
Day 1

- Provide a warm welcome
- Meet director, counselor, liaisons, support staff, student ambassadors
- Help students understand the supports provided through consortia, community and GGUSD
- Importance of School-Wide Learning Results
- Voluntary SSN Document

Day 2

- CASAS Test
- Log into school email
- Take CASAS Student Technology Survey

DAY THREE, CLASS!!





Positive Data-Based Outcomes

100% of students said they felt welcomed at New Student Orientation (800+ students surveyed)

34% increase in attendance hours (from 2023)

18% increase in number of participants (from 2023)

19% increase in EFL gains (from 2023)

30% increase in SSN#s collected (not enough data to compare to ITIN)



Promising Practice: Student Data Chats

Share the data with your students!

Laura Fetter
Program Development Manager

What are some of the benefits of data chats?



Increased self-awareness





Goal setting and motivation





Personalized learning

Improved academic outcomes



Enhanced communication and collaboration



Which data should we focus on?



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Next Assigned Test

by Class

Agency: 4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS) Class: N/A
Site: N/A Teacher: N/A

Last Test

Student

000qi7, Evelyn K

Abarca, Ramona Sh

Danielle Jesu

, Steven

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NRS Data Integrity

by Agency

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Agency: 4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS) Program Year: 2022-2023

Summary Information	Without PoP	2022-2023	PoP 1	PoP 2	PoP 3	PoP 4
					3	0
					0	0
					3	0

Test Administrations

by Agency

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Program Year: 2022-2023

Agency	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS)	0	936	181	83	550	54	423	136	31	0	0	0	2,394

Program Year: 2023-2024

Agency	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS)	1	56	387	71	218	55	276	155	39	299	26	0	1,583

Let's start with the CASAS Scale Score

CASAS Scale Scores for ELL

246-250

Level E

236-245

Level D

221-235

Level C

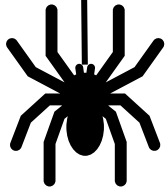
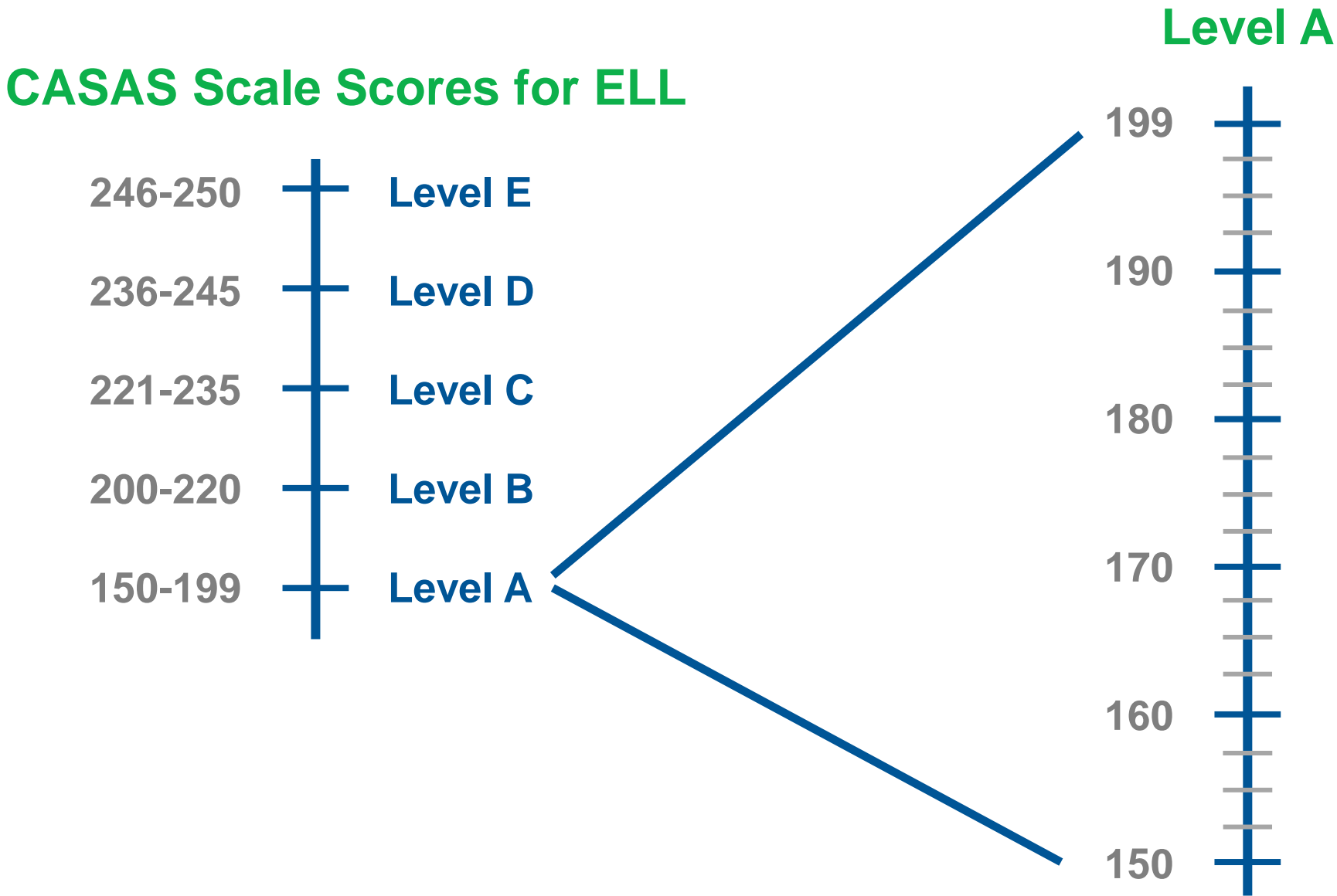
200-220

Level B

150-199

Level A





What's so great about the scale score?

Appropriate for adult learners

Easy to read

Easy to chart and celebrate progress

Next Assigned Tests – Level B, Form 623R

Student Raw Score	Student Scale Score	NRS Level	Next Assigned Test
0	*		Level A Form 621R or 622R
1	*		
2	*		
3	*		
4	*		
5	*		
6	*		
7	*		
8	*		
9	*		
10	184	2	Level B Form 624R
11	185		
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21	198		



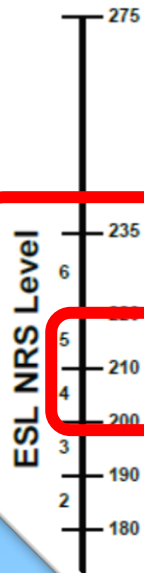
11/16/2020

Personal Score Report

Teresa Garrido - 4614898

Agency: 4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School (RHAS) Class: N/A
Site: 05 - RHAS: Corrections Teacher: N/A

Modality	Test Form	Test Level	Test Date	Scale Score	NRS Level
Reading	084R	B	11/09/2020	208	ESL Level 4



ESL Level 4

Reads and interprets simple material on familiar topics. Reads and interprets simple directions, schedules, signs, maps, and menus.

NRS Skill Level Descriptor



How might I explain the scale score to my students?

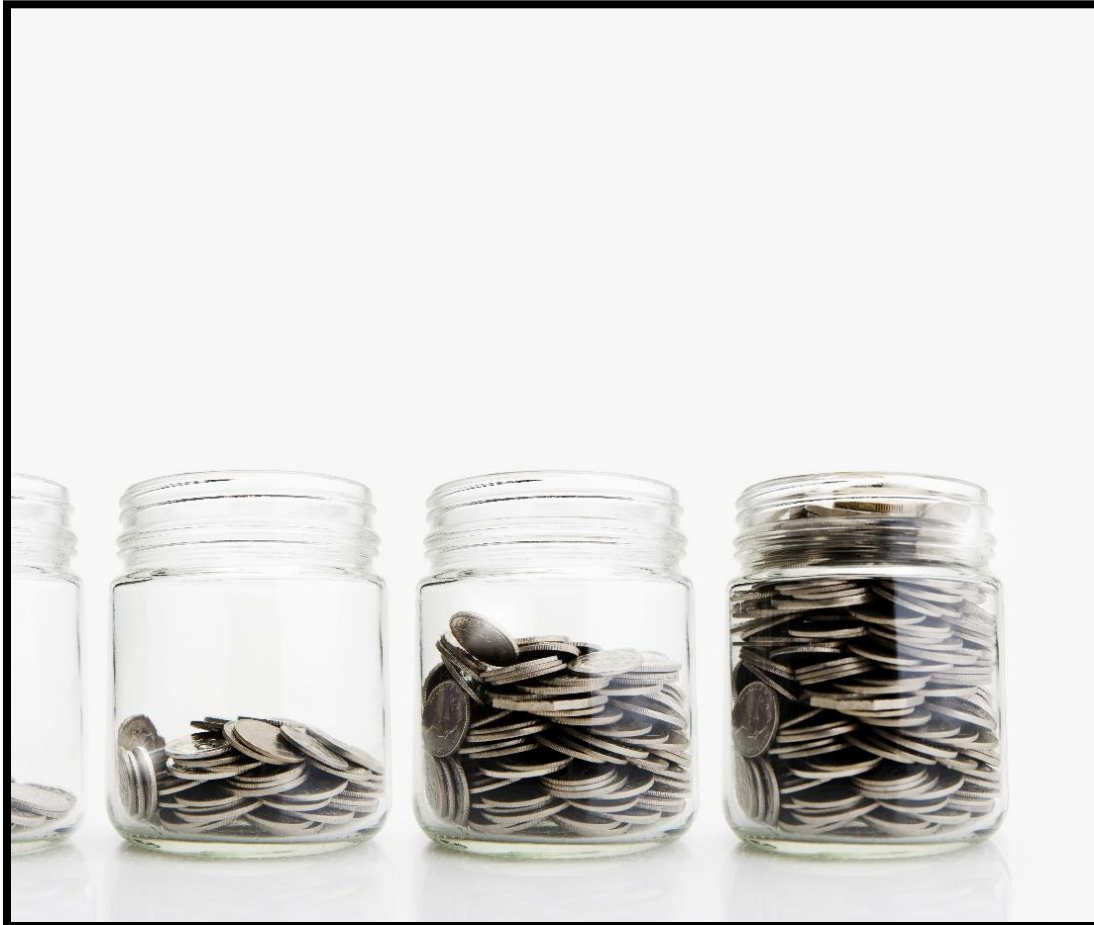
The power of analogies!



Scale Analogy



Other analogy examples





How might we share the data?



Tips for finding data chat time

- ☐ Lab Time
- ☐ Partner with another teacher
- ☐ Individual quiet work time
- ☐ Small group project time
- ☐ Guest speaker



One-on-one teacher time

Create an event

Celebrate class and student progress





Pre-Test

- Share the pre-test scores as soon as possible after the test
- Develop awareness about scaled scores



Instruction

- Highlight the area you are working on together as a class
- Refer to the class level report when you target that instruction



Post-Test

- Share the post-test scores as soon as possible after the test
- Celebrate incremental gains



Teacher Portal Myth Busting

Karla Galleguillos
National Program and Technology Specialist

Myth #1

“Teacher classes will be magically set up for everyone using TOPSpro.”



Busted: Teacher Portal must be set up by your Data Manager.

Myth Explained:

ONLY Data Managers have the necessary access rights for Teacher Portal setup and management.

Myth #2

*“Teachers are able to view **all** students and not just those who are enrolled in their classes.”*



Busted: Teachers can only view the students enrolled in their own classes.
***Privacy and Security**

Myth #3

“We don’t need Teacher Portal; teachers already have TE access.”



Busted: Teacher Portal adds simplicity and greater access to student reports.



Myth Explained:



Access from **any internet-connected device.**



No Software Installation needed.



Myths about CASAS eTests

Elizabeth Scheib
National Program and Onboarding Specialist

Are You Afraid of CASAS eTests?



The Tale of the Haunted Computer Lab



Myth 1: “Computers that are registered for CASAS can only be used to administer CASAS tests. The software won’t allow for other applications to be used on the machine.”

Busted!

- Registering computers for CASAS will not disrupt the normal usage of the computer!

The Tale of the Spooked Student

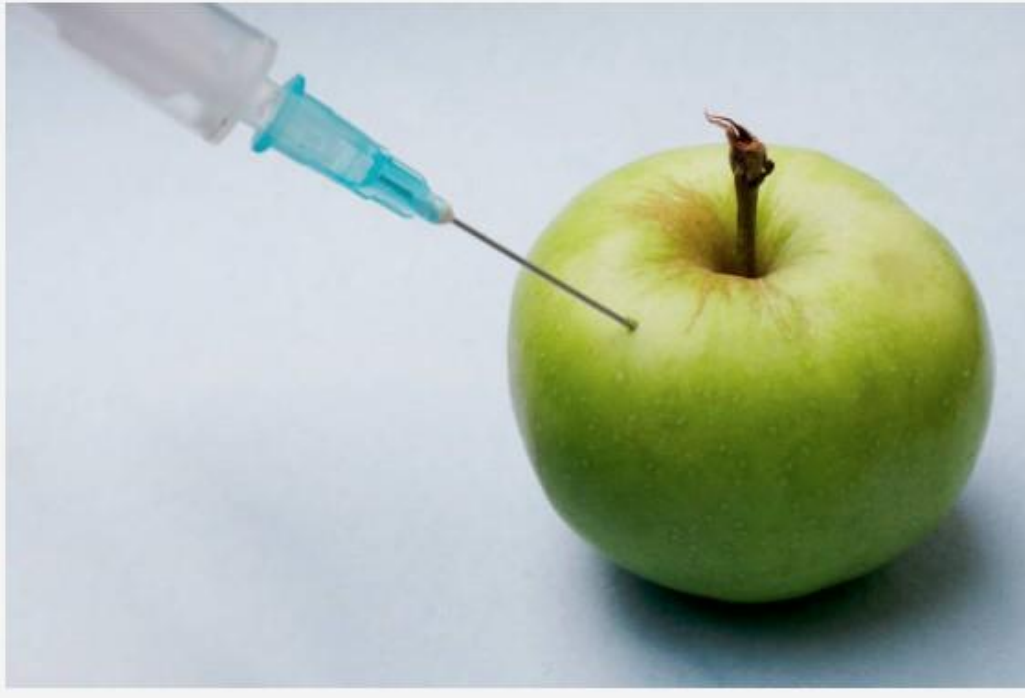


Myth 2: “Our adult education students will not be able to test on eTests. This will be too challenging for them – they won’t be able to figure it out.”

Busted!

- Our adult education students are resilient!
- What better place for adult education students to enhance their digital literacy skills?

The Tale of the Poisoned Apple

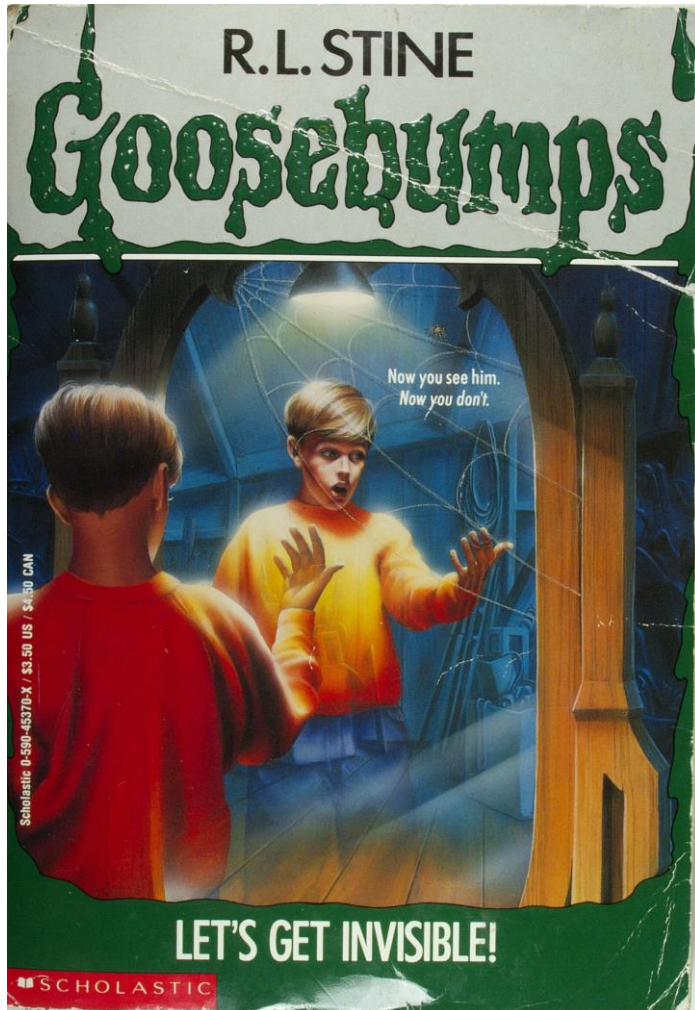


Myth 3: “CASAS is not compatible with Apple products.”

Busted!

- Must use remote testing link for now.
- Macintosh computers will now be compatible for student testing with the new secure browser, eTests2.

The Tale of the Invisible Students



Myth 4: “No one is remote testing anymore since the pandemic.”

Busted!

- Remote testing is alive and well!
- New remote testing links available with eTests2.



TRAINING: Busting Myths and Banishing Zombies

Astrid Robitaille
National Program and Online Training Specialist



BUSTING SOME TRAINING MYTHS

Mythical Phoenix says:
**Proctors and Coordinators have
to recertify EVERY YEAR!**



CASAS Says:
**We recommend recertifying every
two years, *but your state assessment
policy takes precedent.***



BUSTING SOME TRAINING MYTHS



Mythical Gnome says:
When the training modules are reset every year, all your training history is lost!

CASAS Says:
No way! Your “Dashboard” is empty, but you can view your training history and certifications on the CASAS website.



Mythical Griffin says:
EVERYONE must take Module 1 !



CASAS Says:
Everyone is ***WELCOME*** to take
Module 1, but only one person in
each agency is ***REQUIRED*** to take
Module 1.

....and Slaying Some Zombie Issues

Zombie Issue:
I KNOW I finished this module,
why isn't my certificate available?

NEW Tiles
format for
all training
modules



Module 1: CASAS Imple...

- About This Training
- Unit 1. About CASAS
- Unit 1. About CASAS
- Unit 1. ACTIVITY: Getting...
- Unit 1. Check for Underst...
- Unit 2. Testing Overview
- Unit 2. Testing Overview
- Unit 2. ACTIVITY: Sample...
- Unit 2...
- Unit 3. Intake Process
- Unit 3. Intake Process
- Unit 3. Check for Underst...

Unit 1. About CASAS

Think about this during your training

- What is your agency's assessment process?
- How can it be improved to benefit administrators?

BOOK Unit 1. About CASAS

Be sure all areas are marked "Done"

Done: View

FEEDBACK Unit 1. ACTIVITY: Getting to know you

Done: Submit feedback

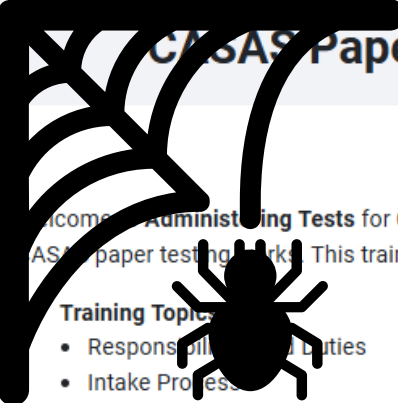
Done: Receive a grade

Done: Receive a passing grade

Make sure all the "dots" are green



CASAS training modules have a new look!



CASAS Paper Test Proctor Certification


Welcome to **Administering Tests** for CASAS paper test proctors! This training aims to provide a foundation for administering CASAS paper tests. In this training, you will learn how to administer CASAS paper testing tasks. This training jump-starts your familiarity and use of paper testing by helping you understand the essentials of the CASAS system.

Training Topics



- Responsibilities and Duties
- Intake Process
- Progress Testing
- Steps for Testing Day
- Test Results & Reports

Begin with [About This Training](#) ↓ below.



Overall progress % 33



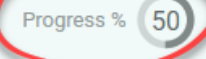

New “Tiles” format makes it easier to check your progress





About This Training





Unit 1. Responsibilities and Duties





Unit 2. Intake Process





Unit 3. Progress Testing




Unit 4. Steps for Testing Day



Unit 5. Test Results and Reports



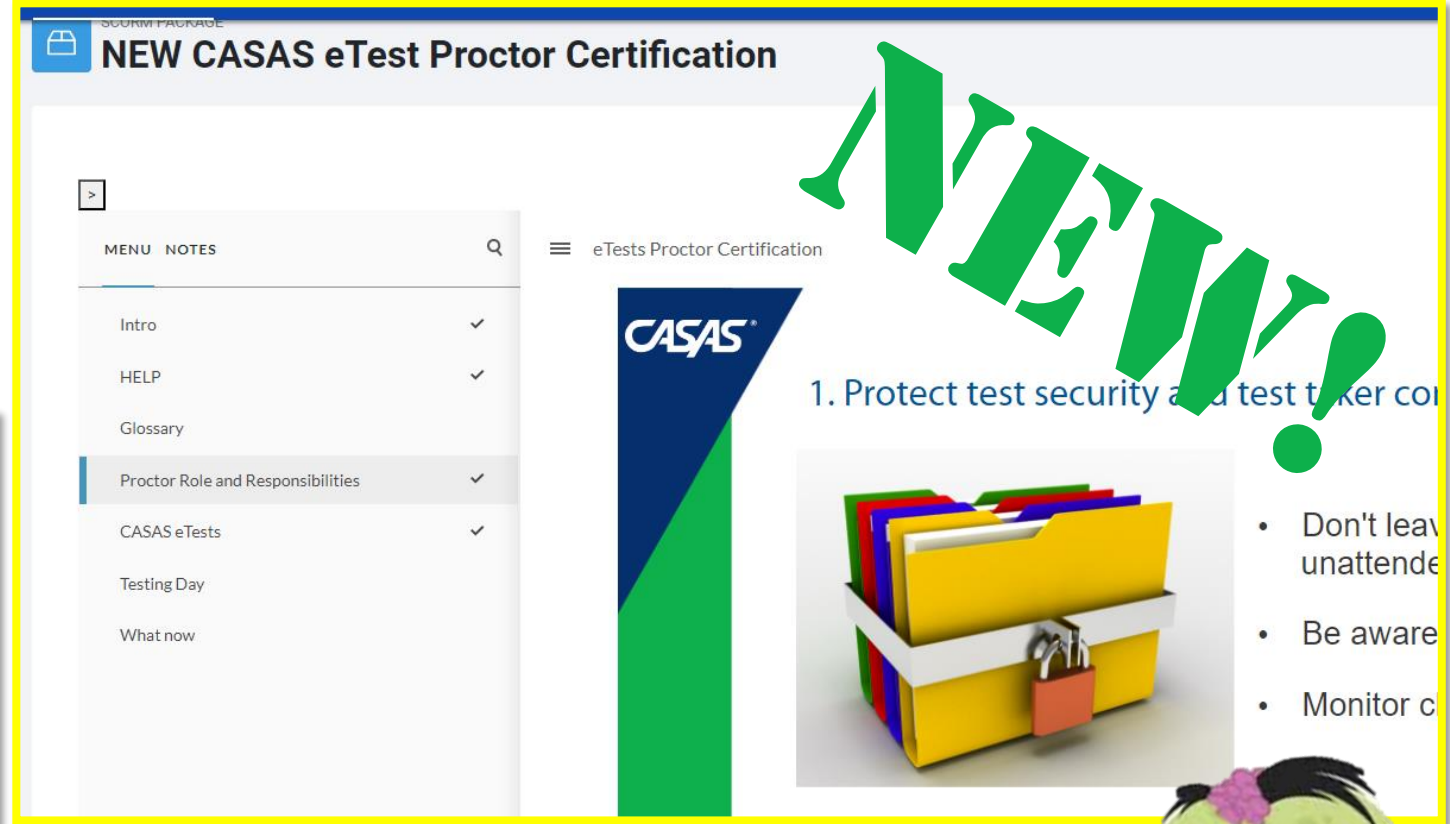
Unit 6. Wrap Up! What's Next?



Training Completion

....and Slaying Some Zombie Issues

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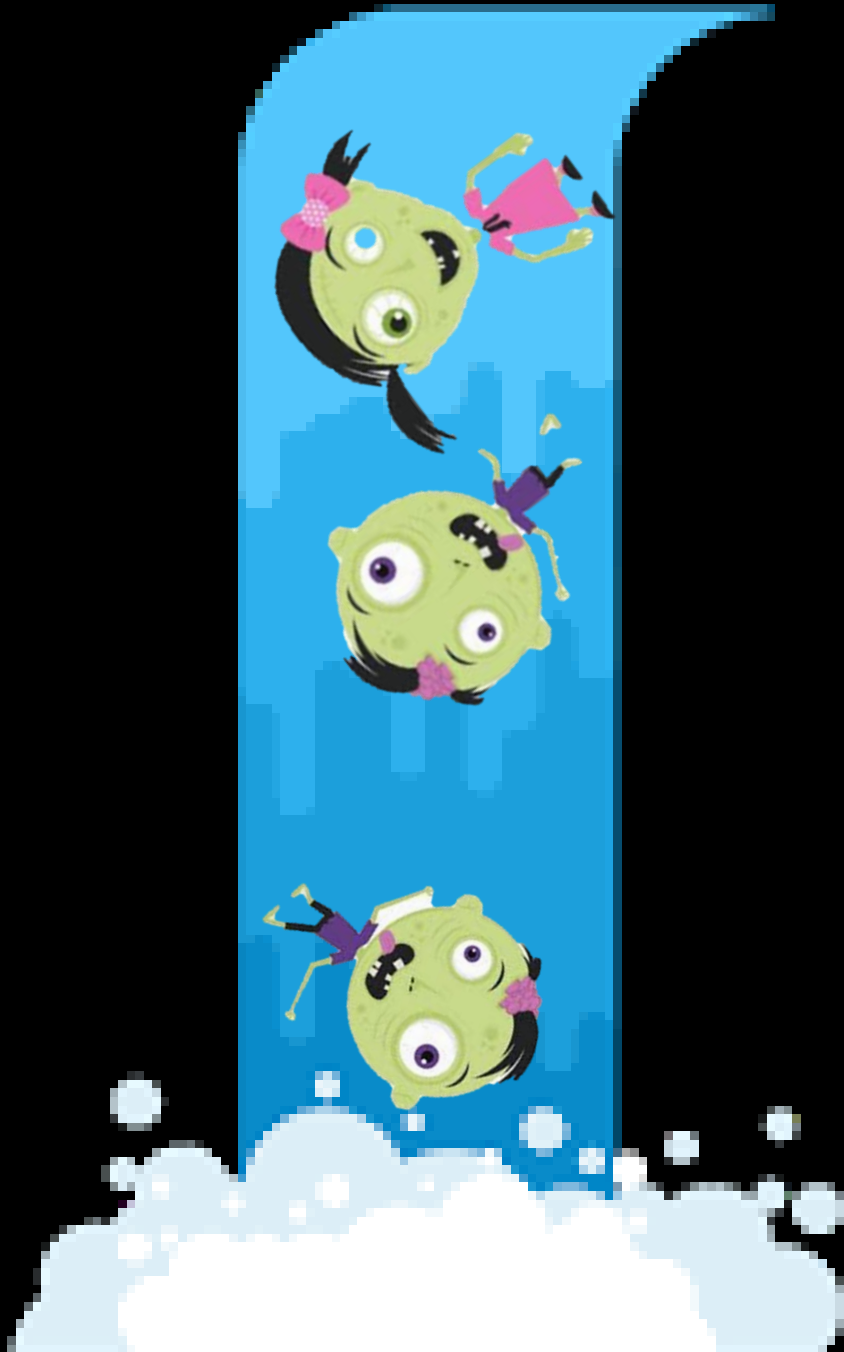


New and Improved!
Interactive!
Multimedia!



Preview of coming attractions:





Chat Waterfall

Are you inspired?

What are ***your*** zombie issues?

Make a resolution!!!



Wrap it up!

Kristine Kruczek Mains

National TOPSpro Enterprise Network Meeting



Save the Date! Thursday, November 7

- TE Data Managers and CASAS assessment coordinators
- Network and share best practices for testing and data collection
- Participants drive the session with their questions and needs
- Topics often include: NRS guidelines, TE features such as the TE Proxy Wizard, test results, reports and tips and tricks

Office Hours with CASAS Staff



- **Fridays, 11am Pacific / 2pm Eastern**
- Attendees *drive these virtual sessions with their questions*

Save the Dates!

- **October 25**
- **November 8**
- **November 22**
- **December 13**

Register:

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





Assessing High School-Level Skills
Through Work and
Life Tasks



Flexible Approach
for Adult Learners to
Earn a High School Diploma

a program of **CASAS**

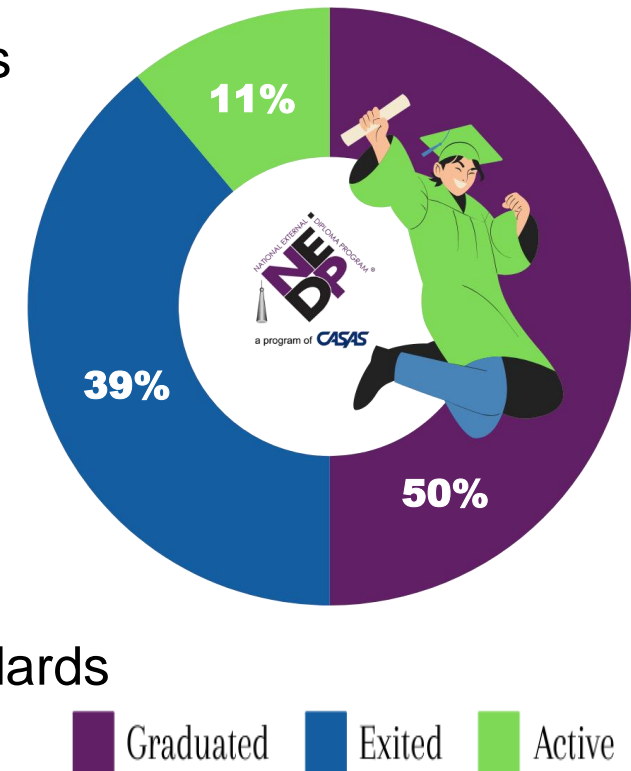


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National External Diploma Program

- A pathway to a state or local high school credential for adults and out of school youth
- A research-based program designed adult learners
 - Flexible, self-paced pathway
 - Real-world relevance
 - Individualized, active learning
 - Experiential learning opportunities
 - Competency-based
- An online portfolio developing digital literacy skills
- Workforce readiness: Focus on job-relevant skills
- Alignment to College and Career Readiness Standards

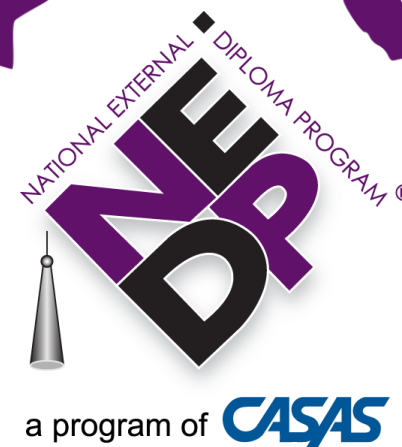
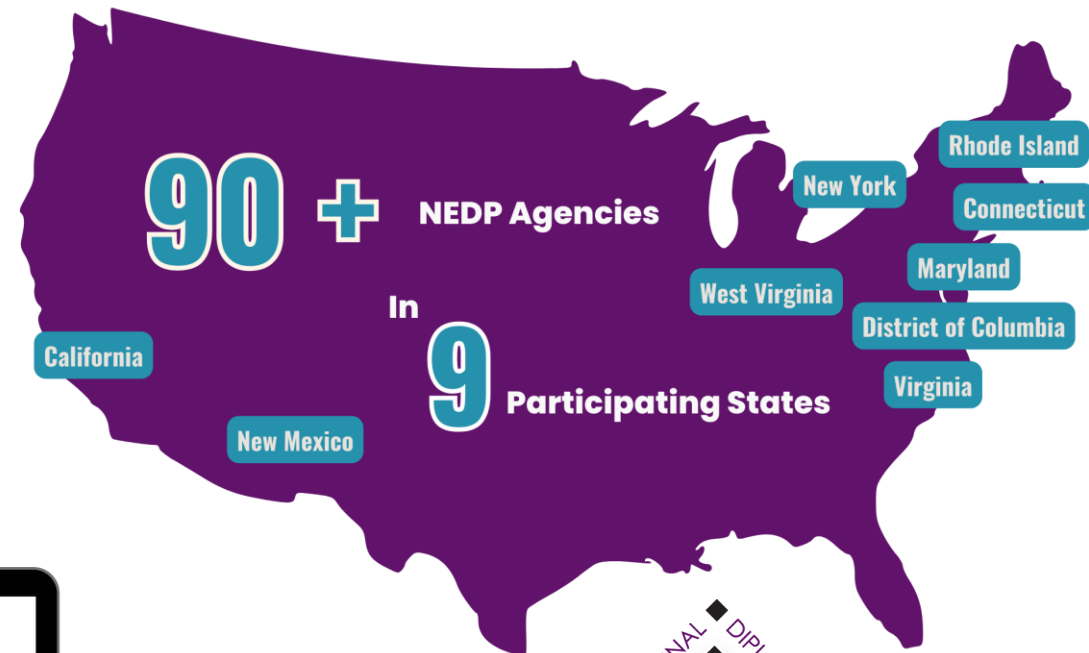
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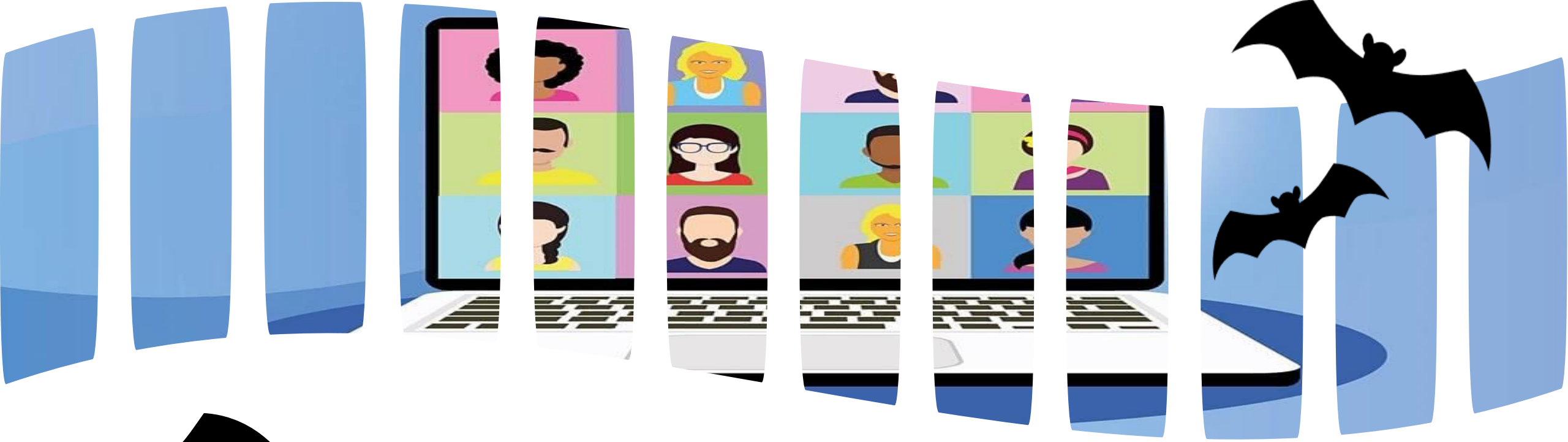
Recognized as an Innovative in Addressing Digital Literacy Skills by the US Department of Education



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We hope to see you at our next News and Updates Webinar!



Wednesday, December 11, 2024

11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern

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