

Illinois-Approved ABE/ASE Assessment Comparison

	TABE 11/12	CASAS GOALS
Publisher	Data Recognition Corporation www.tabetest.com	CASAS www.casas.org
Format	Paper/pencil & Computer-based	Paper/pencil & Computer-based
Content Areas with Federal NRS Approval	Reading - Full 7-year approval Math - Full 7-year approval Language - Full 7-year approval	Reading - Full 7-year approval Math - Conditional 3-year approval
Test Series Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Levels • Sets of Forms • Test Items 	<p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 academic levels (L,E,M,D, and A) • 2 sets of parallel forms per level for retesting (11&12) • 47 items per test <p><u>Math</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 academic levels (L,E,M,D, and A) • 2 sets of parallel forms per level for retesting (11&12) • 40 items per test <p><u>Language</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 academic levels (L,E,M,D, and A) • 2 sets of parallel forms per level for retesting (11&12) • 40 items per test <p>5 academic levels provide more placement opportunities to provide accurate diagnostic information to guide instruction</p>	<p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 academic levels (A, B, C, D) • 2 sets of parallel forms per level for retesting • 40 items per test <p><u>Math</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 levels covering 4 academic levels (A/B & C/D) • 2 sets of parallel forms per level • 40 items per test <p>No Language test available</p> <p>4 academic levels provide sufficient placement opportunities to provide accurate diagnostic information to guide instruction</p>
Time Needed to Establish the Correct Test Level & Form	Reading – 35 minutes Math (Part 1 & 2) – 20 minutes Language – 20 minutes	e-Test – 15 minutes (Locator) Paper Test – 30 minutes (Appraisal)

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Testing Times	<p>Reading – Maximum allowed: 100 mins *National average test time: 78 mins</p> <p>Math – Maximum allowed: 65 mins *National average test time: 43 mins</p> <p>Language – Maximum allowed: 55 mins *National average test time: 38 mins</p> <p>**Level L maximum time allowed differs slightly</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Level A – Maximum allowed: 60 mins Levels B - D – Maximum allowed: 75 mins *National average test time: 45 mins</p> <p><u>Math</u> Level A/B -- Maximum allowed: 60 mins Level C/D – Maximum allowed: 75 mins *National average test time: 43 mins</p>
Publisher Guidelines for Post-testing	<p>Minimum of 40 hours of instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate Form Testing – 50-60 hours of instruction is recommended when testing with an alternate form (i.e. 11M to 12M or A1 to B1) for students that test into NRS Levels 1-4 (ABE) and NRS Levels 1-6 (ESL) with a minimum of 40 hours • Same Form Testing – 60-80 hours of instruction is recommended when testing with the same form (i.e. 11M to 11M or A3 to A3) 	<p>Minimum of 40 hours of instruction</p> <p>Recommend 70-100 hours of instruction</p>
Types of Test Items	<p>Multiple choice Evidence based selected response Multiple select Gridded response Drag and drop</p>	<p>Multiple choice</p>

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Accommodations and Accessibility	<p>Braille, audio, alternate text, high contrast, large-print editions</p> <p>DRC INSIGHT online system: Text-to-speech, Line guide, Highlighter, Answer Eliminator, Magnifier/Zoom, Digital Notebook, Calculators, Color Overlays, Contrasting Color, Reverse Contrast, Masking, Online Large Print, Measurement tools, Reference Materials</p>	<p>Large-print, tactile graphics/braille supplements. Reader/Scribes provided with test form supplements including scripts for prompts, test questions, and answer options.</p> <p>CASAS eTests online system: Compatible with screen reading software, Text-to-speech alt-tags, Zoom, Calculator, Contrasting Colors, Select background color, Online Large Print, Reference information provided as needed by item</p> <p>CASAS eTests are also touch-screen compatible.</p>
Paper Test Scanning	Local Scanning Option reduces cost by utilizing Image Scanners (\$199+) often already found in use by centers with no additional software to purchase	Local scanning option - Scantron OMR Scanner (\$3,000+) or Manual data entry into TOPSpro Enterprise software
Online Interface	All online and paper/pencil student assessment results can be collected in INSIGHT. INSIGHT produces a variety of student reports to drive instruction.	All online and paper/pencil student assessment results can be collected in TOPSpro Enterprise. TOPSpro Enterprise produces a variety of student and class reports to drive instruction.
Pricing	<p>Pricing information can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.iccb.org/adult_ed/professional-development/</p>	<p>Special Illinois Pricing:</p> <p><u>eTest</u> Discount through 6/30/2021: \$1.75 for TE Basic \$2.35 for TE Enhanced \$15 processing fee for all etest orders</p> <p><u>Paper Tests</u> 10% discount through 12/30/2020</p>

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<p>Virtually Proctoring/Testing</p>	<p><i>The following information is subject to change and is a summary only. It does not address technical requirements; those will be provided through the required training.</i></p> <p>Remote proctoring of the e-test conducted via a web conferencing platform. Maximum proctor to student ratio is 1:5. Test examiners must be trained and familiar with TABE Online and must complete the ICCB-required Remote Proctoring for TABE 11/12 training in iLearn. Locator test may be taken in an un-proctored environment.</p> <p>Click HERE for more information on the Remote Proctoring Training for TABE 11/12.</p>	<p><i>The following information is subject to change and is a summary only. It does not address technical requirements; those will be provided through the required training.</i></p> <p>Remote proctoring of the e-Test is conducted via a web conferencing platform. Three approaches have been approved by ICCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach #1: 1:1 Remote Control • Approach #2: 1:1 or Multiple Test Takers (up to 5) on Windows 10 PC • Approach #3: 1:1 or Multiple Test Takers (up to 5) on Chromebooks or iPads <p>Test examiners must be trained, experienced CASAS eTest Proctors and must also complete the ICCB-required iLearn course <i>Remote Proctor Training for CASAS</i> (available after June 19, 2020).</p>