

**ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
FY17 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY
ASSESSMENT GUIDE**

This assessment guide is used to identify students' levels at entry, as they progress through instructional activities, and at exit from the program. Post-testing to reflect student achievement should be done in compliance with the test publisher's guidelines.

Test Publisher's Guidelines

TABE 9/10*	Minimum of 40 hours of instruction; Recommend 60 hours of instruction	BEST Literacy*	Minimum of 60 hours of instruction; Recommend 80-100 hours of instruction
CASAS*	Minimum of 40 hours of instruction; Recommend 70-100 Hours of instruction	BEST Plus*	Minimum of 60 hours of instruction; Recommend 80-100 hours of instruction

** Hours of instruction refer specifically to student attendance hours*

ABE/ASE

Categories	Instructional Type	Placement Test GLE ¹	Pre-Post Test Sequence
Beginning Literacy	ABE	0 ~ 1.9	TABE
Beginning ABE	ABE	2 ~ 3.9	TABE
Low Intermediate ABE	ABE	4 ~ 5.9	TABE
High Intermediate ABE	ABE	6 ~ 8.9	TABE
Low Advanced ASE	ASE	9 ~ 10.9	TABE
High Advanced ASE	ASE	11 ~ 12.9	TABE

** ABE students whose skills are insufficient to take the TABE can be entered using the lowest scale score of 160 for TABE 9/10 and a GLE of 0. These students must have documentation in their file stating that they were unable to take a test and the lowest possible TABE score was used for the approved data system.*

** ABE/ASE/HSCR students can be assessed on both the TABE Reading and the TABE Math based on the student's needs. The student's placement will be determined by the assessment that reflects the lowest NRS level.*

HSCR/ABE/ASE/ESL/VOC

Categories	Instructional Type	Placement Test GLE	Pre-Post Test Sequence
High School Credit Only	HSCR	None	TABE Reading or Math
Math Only	ABE/ASE	None	TABE Reading or Math
Vocational Only	VOC	None	N/A
Foreign language HSE Only	ASE	None	N/A
Employability Skills Only	ABE/ASE	None	TABE
Citizenship Only	ABE/ASE	None	TABE
	ESL	None	BEST Literacy/BEST Plus/CASAS

ESL (Reading)

Categories	Instructional Type	BEST Literacy Scale Score	CASAS Raw Score	Pre-Post Test Sequence
Beginning Literacy	ESL	0 ~ 20	180 and below	BEST Literacy CASAS
Low Beginning ESL	ESL	21 ~ 52	181 ~ 190	BEST Literacy CASAS
High Beginning ESL	ESL	53 ~ 63	191 ~ 200	BEST Literacy CASAS
Low Intermediate	ESL	64 ~ 67	201 ~ 210	BEST Literacy CASAS
High Intermediate	ESL	68 ~ 75	211 ~ 220	BEST Literacy CASAS
Advanced ESL	ESL	76 ~ 78	221 ~ 235	Best Literacy CASAS
Exit Criteria	ESL	NA	Above 235	CASAS

** Students can be placed into Advanced ESL using Best Literacy but the test does not assess skills beyond this level so students cannot exit Advanced ESL with this test. Retesting of students who enter this level with another assessment is recommended.*

** A score above 235 on the CASAS places the student in the Exit Criteria range. Students scoring in this range should be transitioned to other services. If the student is in need of additional ESL services, an assessment that reflects the need (i.e. BEST Plus) should be administered.*

ESL (Speaking and Listening)

Categories	Instructional Type	BEST Plus
Beginning Literacy	ESL	400 and Below
Low Beginning ESL	ESL	401 ~ 417
High Beginning ESL	ESL	418 ~ 438
Low Intermediate	ESL	439 ~ 472
High Intermediate	ESL	473 ~ 506
Advanced ESL	ESL	507 ~ 540
Exit Criteria	ESL	541 +

** The Best Plus is a computer adaptive test. The test changes with each administration and subsequently there is no form designation.*