

Adult Basic Education (ABE)/Adult Secondary Education (ASE) Required Testing

The ICCB Adult Education approved tests to measure ABE/ASE or High School Credit (HSCR) customer progress are the TABE 13&14 (Test for Adult Basic Education) and the CASAS GOALS (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learning Success). TABE-R (Reading) or CASAS Reading GOALS 2 and TABE-M (Math) or CASAS Math GOALS 2 are the assessments that can be used. The allowed TABE assessments come in forms 13 and 14, and the allowed CASAS GOALS 2 forms come in A, B, C, D and E.

It is required that programs use the Locator test or Appraisal to ensure that the customer is placed in the appropriate level for pre-testing. The difficulty level of the assessment instrument administered should match the proficiency of the customer to ensure valid scores. Generally, the same difficulty level of the assessment instrument is used to pre- and post-test a customer. Follow the test publisher materials (TABE Scoring Guides and CASAS Test Administration Manuals) for details.

Generally, the reading assessment should be administered. For trainings that offer courses that cover a variety of subjects, the program may find it appropriate to assess customers with the TABE-Math or the CASAS GOALS Math 2. Programs should consider the primary focus of the training program in determining whether to administer and report a math assessment for placement.

Post-testing to measure progress must be done within the guidelines established by test publishers. The pre- and post-test must be in the same test series.

Summary of ABE/ASE and HSCR Testing and National Reporting System for Adult Education Levels

TABE 13&14

NRS Levels	TABE 13&14 Scale Score	Grade Level
Beginning Literacy ABE Level 1	Reading - 310-441 Math - 310-448	1-2
Beginning Basic ABE Level 2	Reading - 442-500 Math - 449-495	3-5
Low Intermediate ABE ABE Level 3	Reading - 501-535 Math - 496-536	6-7
High Intermediate ABE ABE Level 4	Reading - 536-575 Math - 537-595	8-10
Basic Skills Deficiency cut score – 8th grade and below	Reading – 549 Math – 556	
Low Advanced ASE ABE Level 5	Reading - 576-616 Math - 596-656	11-12
High Advanced ASE ABE Level 6	Reading - 617+ Math - 657+	12+

CASAS Reading GOALS 2

NRS Levels	CASAS Reading GOALS 2 Scale Score	Grade Level
Beginning Literacy ABE Level 1	0-203	K-1
Beginning Basic ABE Level 2	204-216	2-3
Low Intermediate ABE ABE Level 3	217-227	4-5
High Intermediate ABE ABE Level 4	228-238	6-8
Low Adult Secondary ABE Level 5	239-248	9-10
High Adult Secondary ABE Level 6	249+	11-12

CASAS Math GOALS 2

NRS Levels	CASAS Math GOALS 2 Scale Score	Grade Level
Beginning Literacy ABE Level 1	0-192	K-1
Beginning Basic ABE Level 2	193-203	2-3
Low Intermediate ABE ABE Level 3	204-213	4-5
Middle Intermediate ABE ABE Level 4	214-224	6-7
High Intermediate ASE ABE Level 5	225-235	7-8
Adult Secondary Education ABE Level 6	236+	9-12