

Adult Education and Literacy Assessment Requirements Summary

Enrollment Type(s)	Required Test	Optional Test	Notes
English Language Acquisition (ELA) ¹	One of these ELA assessments: 1. CASAS Reading STEPS 2. CASAS Listening STEPS	If needed, a 2 nd ELA assessment can be administered to the customer. IMPORTANT NOTE: Only one is required for NRS purposes. Programs may elect to administer a second ELA assessment to inform training practices.	If two ELA assessments are administered for placement and NRS purposes, placement for the National Reporting System (NRS) is based on the following: 1. Customer is placed, and progress is measured, based on the assessment reflecting the lowest Educational Functioning Level (EFL). 2. If both assessments reflect the same EFL, NRS placement is based on the first assessment given.
ABE, ASE or HSCR	One of these ABE/ASE assessments: 1. TABE 13&14 Reading 2. CASAS Reading GOALS 2	TABE 13&14 Math or CASAS Math GOALS 2 IMPORTANT NOTE: Only an ABE/ASE reading assessment is required. If the primary focus of instruction will be math in General Skills designated courses, the TABE Math or CASAS Math GOALS 2 may be appropriate.	For customers enrolled in ABE, ASE or HSCR courses, the TABE 13&14 Reading or CASAS Reading GOALS 2 is required. However, customers in these types of enrollments can also be given the TABE 13&14 Math or the CASAS Math GOALS 2 either to inform instruction or for placement and NRS purposes.
Math-Only	One of these ABE/ASE assessments: 1. TABE 13&14 Math 2. CASAS Math GOALS 2	None	Customers enrolled in Math-Only instruction should be administered the TABE 13&14 Math or CASAS Math GOALS 2 test. Placement will be based on the EFL reflected by this assessment.

¹ ICCB has replaced the term “English as a Second Language” with “English Language Acquisition” to more accurately describe the diversity of English learners in Illinois.

Please note: Some Title II students may be administered a BEST Plus 3.0, BEST Literacy 2.0, or TABE CLAS-E assessment in their adult education programs, but these tests will not be administered by Title I programs, as they do not result in grade level equivalencies.