

## **FY27 Implementation of Reading GOALS 2**

The CASAS Reading GOALS test series sunsets on June 30, 2026.

The allowable ABE/ASE CASAS Reading test for Illinois AE programs in FY27 will be CASAS Reading GOALS 2. The Illinois database will be ready this spring to accept FY27 Reading GOALS 2 test data. Students who tested with Reading GOALS in FY26 must retest with Reading GOALS 2 as their pre-test for FY27.

*(There is no change for FY27 to the CASAS STEPS or Math GOALS 2 test series.)*

### **Programs who will use CASAS Reading GOALS 2 eTests:**

- The current eTest sessions in your TopsPro Enterprise account are not test-specific. To begin giving Reading GOALS 2 eTests, your program's CASAS Data Manager needs to add Reading GOALS 2 testing sessions to your account, or they may request help with this process by emailing [golive@casas.org](mailto:golive@casas.org). This process can be done at no cost.
- Purchase at least 1 set of CASAS Reading GOALS 2 paper test booklets and answer sheets, to serve as a back-up to eTests. This includes the Appraisal and all test levels A-E. (CASAS [Catalog](#))
- Purchase the CASAS Reading GOALS 2 Test Administration Manual. (1 per testing site)
- Distribute Reading GOALS 2 FAQ information below to all CASAS test proctors.

### **Programs who will use CASAS Reading GOALS 2 paper tests:**

- Purchase the necessary CASAS Reading GOALS 2 paper test booklets. This includes the Appraisal and all test levels A-E. (CASAS [Catalog](#))
- Purchase the CASAS Reading GOALS 2 Test Administration Manual. (1 per testing site)
- Prepare an inventory of all CASAS Reading GOALS paper test booklets and materials, indicating they are to be shredded, and send to [info@casas.org](mailto:info@casas.org). Once all FY26 testing is complete, shred the materials.
- Distribute Reading GOALS 2 FAQ information below to all CASAS test proctors. The test level allowable times are particularly necessary for paper test proctors.

### **FAQ – Differences between Reading GOALS and Reading GOALS 2**

The differences between Reading GOALS and Reading GOALS 2 are minimal:

- GOALS 2 has 5 levels instead of 4 (Levels A through E)

- GOALS 2 has a new set of form numbers for each test level (921R instead of 901R, etc.)
- GOALS 2 has slightly shorter allowable test times for each test level
- GOALS 2 has 3-4 fewer questions per test level
- The scale scores ranges for the GOALS 2 test are slightly different. Each test form has a scale score range that includes 2 NRS levels – see below.

### **CASAS Reading GOALS 2 – Test Series Details**

<b>CASAS Level</b>	<b>Form Number</b>	<b>Number of Test Items</b>	<b>Test Time</b>	<b>Scale Score Ranges</b>
Appraisal	Form 919R	28	30 minutes	
Locator	Form 920R	14	20 minutes	
A	Forms 921R - 922R	33	35 minutes	178 - 216
B	Forms 923R - 924R	36	60 minutes	204 – 227
C	Forms 925R - 926R	36	70 minutes	217 - 238
D	Forms 927R - 928R	36	70 minutes	228 - 248
E	Forms 929R - 930R	33	70 minutes	239 - 268

**Teachers whose students will take Reading GOALS 2** should be aware of the new test, as well as the Content Standard Blueprint and sample items for each test level. These materials and other CASAS Reading GOALS 2 information can be found on this page of the casas.org website:

<https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/assessments/reading-goals-2>

### **CASAS Assessment Training**

Any staff person or test proctor who is already trained to administer CASAS tests does NOT need additional training for Reading GOALS 2. Share this FAQ with all proctors and teachers.

Any staff person or test proctor who is new to CASAS needs to attend the IL PDN CASAS Implementation Training, offered at multiple points throughout the year. Program administrators will receive email notifications regarding upcoming training. (The next training is April 17, 2026.)

The IL PDN offers CASAS Tools for Teachers training each term, and the new test, blueprints, and sample test items will be shared during these training sessions. Watch the PDN Pulse for upcoming training.