

Illinois Community College Board - Adult Education & Literacy

Approved ABE/ASE Assessment Comparison

(as of June 2025)

	TABE 13/14	CASAS GOALS
Publisher	Data Recognition Corporation www.tabetest.com	CASAS www.casas.org
Format	Paper/pencil & Computer-based	Paper/pencil & Computer-based
Training Information	General TABE training information	General GOALS training information: Training requirements by role
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 (13&14) · Approximately 40 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 (13&14) · 40 items per test <p>Language test is available, but <u>not</u> ICCB-approved</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 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 5 levels covering 5 academic levels (A, B, C, D, E) · 2 sets of parallel forms per level · 33-36 items per test <p>No Language test available</p>
Content Areas with Federal NRS Approval	<p>Reading - Full 7-year approval</p> <p>Math - Full 7-year approval</p> <p>Language - Full 7-year approval</p>	<p>Reading - Full 7-year approval</p> <p>Math 2 - Full 7 -year approval</p>

Time Needed to Establish the Correct Test Level & Form	Reading Locator – 35 minutes Math Locator (Part 1 & 2) – 20 minutes Language Locator – 20 minutes	e-Test – 15 minutes (Locator) Paper Test – 30 minutes (Appraisal)
Maximum allowed Testing Times	Reading – 100 mins *National average test time: 78 mins Math – 60 mins *National average test time: 43 mins Language – 50 mins *National average test time: 38 mins **Level L – Refer to TABE 13 & 14 Test Administration Guide	<u>Reading</u> Level A – 60 mins Levels B - D – 75 mins *National average test time: 45 mins <u>Math 2</u> Level A -- 50 mins Level B – 65 mins Level C - 75 mins Level D - 75 mins Level E - 90 mins
Publisher Guidelines for Post-testing	Minimum of 40 hours of instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Alternate Form Testing – 50-60 hours of instruction is recommended when testing with an alternate form (i.e., 13M to 14M) · Same Form Testing – 60-80 hours of instruction is recommended when testing with the same form (i.e., 13M to 13M) 	Minimum of 40 hours of instruction Recommend 70-100 hours of instruction
Types of Test Items	Multiple choice Evidence based selected response Multiple select Gridded response Drag and drop	Multiple choice

<p>Accommodations and Accessibility</p>	<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 CASAS eTests are also touch-screen compatible.</p>
<p>Paper Test Scanning</p>	<p>Local Scanning Option reduces cost by utilizing Image Scanners (\$199+) often already found in use by centers with no additional software to purchase</p>	<p>Local scanning option - Scantron OMR Scanner (\$3,000+) or Manual data entry into TOPSpro Enterprise software</p>
<p>Online Interface</p>	<p>All online and paper/pencil student assessment results can be collected in INSIGHT. INSIGHT produces a variety of student reports to drive instruction.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Ordering / Pricing</p>	<p>Ordering and pricing information can be found HERE</p>	<p>Ordering and pricing information can be found HERE for Reading GOALS and HERE for Math GOALS 2.</p>

<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 computer-based test conducted via a web conferencing platform. Maximum proctor to student ratio is 1:15. Test examiners must be trained and familiar with TABE Online and must complete the ICCB-required TABE 13&14 Remote Proctoring Training course in iLearn. Locator test may be taken in an un-proctored environment.</p> <p>Click HERE for more information on remote proctor training for TABE 13&14.</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 15) on Windows 10 PC · Approach #3: 1:1 or Multiple Test Takers (up to 15) 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>. Click HERE for more information on remote proctor training for CASAS GOALS.</p>
<p>Illinois Assessment Hub</p>	<p>The purpose of the Assessment Hub is to support programs with remote test capacity and test scheduling needs of students. Programs may refer eligible ABE/ASE students to the Assessment Hub for post-testing in TABE 13&14 Reading and Math tests and CASAS GOALS Reading and Math tests. Click HERE for more information about the Assessment Hub and eligibility requirements.</p>	