

## Illinois-Approved ABE/ASE Adult Assessment Comparison

	TABE 11/12	CASAS GOALS
<b>Publisher</b>	Data Recognition Corporation <a href="http://www.tabetest.com">www.tabetest.com</a>	CASAS <a href="http://www.casas.org">www.casas.org</a>
<b>Format</b>	Paper/pencil & Computer-based	Paper/pencil & Computer-based
<b>Content Areas with Federal NRS Approval</b>	Reading - Full 7-year approval Math - Full 7-year approval Language - Full 7-year approval	Reading - Full 7-year approval Math - Conditional 3-year approval
<b>Test Series Structure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Levels</li> <li>• Sets of Forms</li> <li>• Test Items</li> </ul>	<p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 academic levels (L,E,M,D, and A)</li> <li>• 2 sets of parallel forms per level for retesting (11&amp;12)</li> <li>• 47 items per test</li> </ul> <p><u>Math</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 academic levels (L,E,M,D, and A)</li> <li>• 2 sets of parallel forms per level for retesting (11&amp;12)</li> <li>• 40 items per test</li> </ul> <p><u>Language</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 academic levels (L,E,M,D, and A)</li> <li>• 2 sets of parallel forms per level for retesting (11&amp;12)</li> <li>• 40 items per test</li> </ul> <p>5 academic levels provide more placement opportunities to provide accurate diagnostic information to guide instruction</p>	<p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 academic levels (A, B, C, D)</li> <li>• 2 sets of parallel forms per level for retesting</li> <li>• 40 items per test</li> </ul> <p><u>Math</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 levels covering 4 academic levels (A/B &amp; C/D)</li> <li>• 2 sets of parallel forms per level</li> <li>• 40 items per test</li> </ul> <p>No Language test available</p> <p>4 academic levels provide sufficient placement opportunities to provide accurate diagnostic information to guide instruction</p>
<b>Time Needed to Establish the Correct Test Level &amp; Form</b>	Reading – 35 minutes  Math (Part 1 & 2) – 20 minutes  Language – 20 minutes	e-Test – 15 minutes (Locator)  Paper Test – 30 minutes (Appraisal)

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<b>Testing Times</b>	<p>Reading – Maximum allowed: 100 mins *National average test time: 78 mins</p> <p>Math – Maximum allowed: 65 mins *National average test time: 43 mins</p> <p>Language – Maximum allowed: 55 mins *National average test time: 38 mins</p> <p>**Level L maximum time allowed differs slightly</p>	<p><u>Reading</u> Level A – Maximum allowed: 60 mins Levels B - D – Maximum allowed: 75 mins *National average test time: 45 mins</p> <p><u>Math</u> Level A/B -- Maximum allowed: 60 mins Level C/D – Maximum allowed: 75 mins *National average test time: 43 mins</p>
<b>Publisher Guidelines for Post-testing</b>	<p>Minimum of 40 hours of instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternate Form Testing – 50-60 hours of instruction is recommended when testing with an alternate form (i.e. 11M to 12M or A1 to B1) for students that test into NRS Levels 1-4 (ABE) and NRS Levels 1-6 (ESL) with a minimum of 40 hours</li> <li>• Same Form Testing – 60-80 hours of instruction is recommended when testing with the same form (i.e. 11M to 11M or A3 to A3)</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum of 40 hours of instruction</p> <p>Recommend 70-100 hours of instruction</p>
<b>Types of Test Items</b>	<p>Multiple choice Evidence based selected response Multiple select Gridded response Drag and drop</p>	<p>Multiple choice</p>
<b>Accommodations and Accessibility</b>	<p>Braille, audio, alternate text, high contrast, large-print editions 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</p>

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<b>Paper Test Scanning</b>	Local Scanning Option reduces cost by utilizing Image Scanners (\$199+) often already found in use by centers with no additional software to purchase	Local scanning option - Scantron OMR Scanner (\$3,000+) or Manual data entry into TOPSpro Enterprise software
<b>Online Interface</b>	All online and paper/pencil student assessment results can be collected in INSIGHT. INSIGHT produces a variety of student reports to drive instruction.	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.
<b>Pricing</b>	Pricing information can be found here:  <a href="https://www.iccb.org/adult_ed/professional-development/">https://www.iccb.org/adult_ed/professional-development/</a>	Special Illinois Pricing:  <u>eTest</u> Discount through 6/30/2021: \$1.75 for TE Basic \$2.35 for TE Enhanced  <u>Paper Tests</u> 10% discount through 12/30/2020
<b>Virtually Proctoring/Testing</b>	<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>  Remote proctoring of the e-test conducted via a web conferencing platform. Maximum proctor to student ratio is 1:5. Test examiners must be trained and familiar with TABE Online and must complete the ICCB-required Remote Proctoring for TABE 11/12 training in iLearn. Locator test may be taken in an un-proctored environment.	<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>  Remote proctoring of the e-Test is conducted via a web conferencing platform. Maximum proctor to student ratio is 1:1 at this time; will likely be increased. Test examiners must be trained, experienced CASAS eTest Proctors and must also complete the CASAS-required Remote Proctor training provided by CASAS at no cost.