

CASAS ESL Intake Process

Guidelines for determining class placement and pretest level

1 Assess student's basic English language proficiency

- observe how well the student communicates and fills out forms
- consider number of years of formal schooling and other information on demographic records
- administer oral screening from the CASAS Appraisal
- administer CASAS writing screening or other writing assessment
- consider other factors affecting class placement

... then evaluate information and determine next step

Scores on Oral Screening and CASAS Writing Screening or other writing assessment:

Oral Screening	Writing Screening	Other writing or other factors
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<6	0-1	poor
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6 or more	1-2	good
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6 or more	0-1	poor
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<6	1-2	good
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2B

2A Skip the appraisal and administer the five practice items from Form 27 one-on-one

Results

some difficulty

little or no difficulty

Test form to administer

Administer Form 27 or 28
as pretest

Administer Form 81 R or 11 R as Reading pretest
Administer Form 81 L
as Listening pretest

2B Administer the Form 80 CASAS Appraisal reading test and use this chart to determine reading pretest level and class placement

Administer the Form 80 CASAS Appraisal listening test and use this chart to determine listening pretest level and class placement

Form 80 R		
Score	Next Test Level	Instr. Level
171	A	Low Beg.
180	A	
185	A	
189	A	
193	AX or A	High Beg.
196	B or AX	
199	B or AX	
201	B or AX	Low Int.
204	B or AX	
207	B	
209	B	High Int.
212	C or B	
214	C or B	
216	C or B	
219	C or B	
222	C	Adv.
224	C	
227	C	
230	D or C	
234	D or C	
237	D	
240	D	
242	D	
244	D	
246	D	

Form 80 L		
Score	Next Test Level	Instr. Level
171	A	Low Beg.
179	A	
184	A	
188	A	
191	A	High Beg.
193	A	
196	A	
198	B or A	
200	B	
202	B	Low Int.
204	B	
206	B	
208	B	
210	B	High Int.
212	C or B	
214	C or B	
216	C	
218	C	
220	C	Adv.
223	C	
225	C	
229	C	
233	C	
235	C	
237	C	
239	C	

Place student in instructional level according to the lower of the two appraisal scores.

Then use the chart below to select an appropriate pretest based on the appraisal score, according to the Next Test Level indicated in the chart above. The pretest score serves as the initial point of comparison for progress testing.

CASAS PROGRESS TEST FORMS

READING				
Level	Life & Work	ECS	WLS	Citizenship
Beg. Lit.	27R, 28R	27R, 28R	27R, 28R	27R, 28R
A	81R, 82R	11R, 12R	11R, 12R	951R, 952R
AX	81RX, 82RX			951RX, 952RX
B	83R, 84R	13R, 14R, 114R	213R, 214R	
BX	84RX			
C	185R, 186R 85R, 86R	15R, 16R, 116R	215R, 216R	
D	187R, 188R	17R, 18R	17R, 18R	

LISTENING		
Level	Life & Work	Note:
A	81L, 82L	Listening Appraisal Form 80 can be used to place only into the Life and Work listening test series.
B	83L, 84L	
C	85L, 86L	

X level tests are a bridge to the next level