

CASAS ABE Intake Process

Guidelines for determining class placement and pretest level

- 1 Assess student's basic writing ability**
- observe how well the student can fill out forms and perform other writing tasks
 - consider number of years of formal schooling and other information on demographic records
 - administer CASAS writing screening or other writing assessment
 - consider other factors affecting class placement

... then evaluate information and determine next step

Student has difficulty writing name and address and in completing writing sample, or has other significant limitations

Student writes name and address, and produces basic writing sample

2A Administer the five practice items from Form 27 one-on-one.

Results

some difficulty

little or no difficulty

... and then: **Administer Form 31 M or 11 M** as math pretest

Test form to administer

Administer Form 27 or 28 as pretest

Administer Form 81 R or 11 R as Reading pretest

2B

Administer the Form 80 CASAS Appraisal reading test or Form 130 ECS Appraisal reading test and use this chart to determine reading pretest level and class placement

Form 80 R or 130 R		
Score	Next Test Level	Instructional Level
180-195	A	Beginning Literacy
196-198	B, AX or A	
199-213	B	Beg. Basic Skills/ Int. Basic Skills
214-219	C, BX or B	
220-232	C	Adv. Basic Skills
233	D or C	
234-254	D	Adult Secondary

Administer the math test from either Appraisal and use this chart to determine math pretest level and class placement

Form 30 M or 130 M		
Score	Next Test Level	Instructional Level
170-195	A	Beginning Literacy
196-198	B or A	
199-215	B	Beg. Basic Skills/ Int. Basic Skills
216-220	C or B	
221-232	C	Adv. Basic Skills
233	D or C	
234-252	D	Adult Secondary

You may also use the Suggested Next Test chart for each test, which may give slightly different but still valid referrals.

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

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

CASAS PROGRESS TEST FORMS

READING			
Level	Life & Work	ECS Series	WLS Series
Beg. Lit.	27R, 28R	27R, 28R	27R, 28R
A	81R, 82R	11R, 12R	11R, 12R
AX	81RX, 82RX		
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

MATH			
Level	ECS	Life Skills	WLS
A	11M, 12M	31M, 32M	11M, 12M
B	13M, 14M	33M, 34M	213M, 214M
C	15M, 16M	35M, 36M	215M, 216M
D	17M, 18M	37M, 38M	17M, 18M

X level tests are a bridge to the next level