**Currently Approved Assessments**

Minnesota has authorized the following CASAS, TABE, and BEST Plus standardized assessments for use in establishing NRS educational functioning levels. Additionally, assessment within these tests systems:

* Are appropriate for measuring literacy and language development of adult learners,
* Have standardized administration and scoring procedures,
* Have alternate, equivalent, forms for pre- and post-testing, and
* Have evidence linking them to the NRS Educational Functioning Levels.

### **BEST Plus 2.0**

*For Levels:* ***ESL 1-6***

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| ***Name/Series*** | ***Content*** | ***Format*** | ***Forms/Levels*** | ***Usage Date*** |
| **Basic English Skills Test (BEST) Plus 2.0** | ESL | Computer-Adaptive,  Paper Form | D, E, F | Now–June 30, 2025\* |

### **BEST Plus 3.0**

*For Levels:* ***ESL 1-6***

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| ***Name/Series*** | ***Content*** | ***Format*** | ***Forms/Levels*** | ***Usage Date*** |
| **Basic English Skills Test (BEST) Plus 3.0** | ESL | Computer-Adaptive and Form,  Paper Form | 1 and 2 | Now–July 13, 2030 |

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### **CASAS**

*For Levels:* ***ABE 1-6***

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| ***Name/Series*** | ***Content*** | ***Format*** | ***Forms/Levels*** | ***Usage Date*** |
| **GOALS** | Reading | Computer Form,  Paper Form | 901R–908R | Now–June 30, 2025\* |
| **Math GOALS 2** | Math | Computer Form,  Paper Form | 921M-930M | Now–July 13, 2030 |

*For Levels:* ***ESL 1-6***

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| ***Name/Series*** | ***Content*** | ***Format*** | ***Forms/Levels*** | ***Usage Date*** |
| **Listening STEPS** | Listening | Computer Form,  Paper Form with CD | 621L-630L | Now–July 13, 2030 |
| **Reading STEPS** | Reading | Computer Form,  Paper Form | 621R-630R | Now–July 13, 2030 |

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### **TABE**

*For Levels:* ***ABE 1-6***

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| ***Name/Series*** | ***Content*** | ***Format*** | ***Forms/Levels*** | ***Usage Date*** |
| **11 and 12** | * Reading * Math * Language | Computer Form,  Paper Form | L (Literacy)  E (Easy)  M (Medium)  D (Difficult)  A (Advanced) | Now–June 30, 2025\* |
| **13 and 14** | * Reading * Math * Language | Computer Form,  Paper Form | L (Literacy)  E (Easy)  M (Medium)  D (Difficult)  A (Advanced) | Now–June 20, 2027 |