

CASAS Tests



"CASAS" (Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems). These test scores help determine your eligibility for tuition assistance and career support programs like **GAP, PACE, and WIOA**.

Schedule online at: (<https://ihcc.edu/schedulemytest>)

Which tests do I take? Depending on your program track, you will take either the General test pair (Reading and Math) or the ESL test pair (ESL Reading and ESL Listening). Your advisor or proctor will confirm which combination applies to you.

Testing Fees & Rules

- **Fees:**
 - \$4.00 for each testing group (Reading & Math pair OR ESL Reading & ESL Listening pair)
 - \$2.00 for each individual test
- **Testing Attempts & Retake Policy:**
 - You are allowed a maximum of 3 attempts starting from your first test date.
 - You must wait at least 2 weeks between testing attempts if you need to retest.

Testing Time: The CASAS tests are untimed, but most students finish in about 60 to 75 minutes.

General Reading & Math Tests

- **General Reading**
 - What is it? This test measures how well you understand written information encountered in everyday life and at work.
 - What to expect: You will read short pieces of text and answer multiple-choice questions about workplace schedules, safety signs, receipts, charts, and flyers.
 - Topics covered include: Everyday life and workplace skills, including communication, consumer economics, community resources, health, employment, and civic responsibilities.
- **Math**
 - What is it? The Math test measures your ability to solve practical, real-world math problems in daily life and on the job.
 - What to expect: You will solve multiple-choice math problems. You are allowed to use a calculator for the entire test (an on-screen calculator is provided, or your proctor can hand you a physical basic/scientific calculator—no cell phones or graphing calculators).
 - Topics covered include: Basic arithmetic, fractions, decimals, percentages, measurement, and charts/graphs.

ESL Reading & ESL Listening Tests

- **ESL Reading**

- What is it? This test series is specifically designed for English Language Learners, focusing on everyday vocabulary, life skills, and workplace communication tailored for individuals acquiring English as a second language.
- What to expect: You will read simplified workplace notices, community signs, consumer information, and everyday forms, answering multiple-choice questions to test comprehension.

- **ESL Listening**

- What is it? The Listening assessment measures an English Language Learner's ability to understand spoken English in everyday and workplace situations.
- What to expect: You will listen to recorded audio prompts (such as conversations, announcements, or instructions) through headphones and answer multiple-choice questions based on what you heard.

Helpful Practice Resources

If you would like to look at sample questions or practice test formats to feel more comfortable before your appointment, you can explore these free resources. Individuals who do not achieve the required scores after multiple attempts may be referred to Adult Education, English Language Learning, or other support services to help build the skills needed for program success.

- **Official CASAS Sample Items:**

- Reading: <https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/assessments/abe-ase-assessments/reading-goals-2>
- Math: <https://www.casas.org/product-overviews/assessments/abe-ase-assessments/math-goals-2>
- **ESL Practice Hub:** For English Language Learners preparing for ESL Reading and Listening: <https://esolsteps.com/all-casas-steps-practice-quizzes/>.

Understanding Your Scores

General Scale (Reading & Math)

- **Below Bronze:** Reading under 217 | Math under 214
- **Bronze:** Reading 217–226 | Math 214–223
- **Silver:** Reading 227–236 | Math 224–236
- **Gold:** Reading 237–246 | Math 237–249
- **Platinum:** Reading 247+ | Math 250+

ESL Scale (Reading & Listening)

- **Below Bronze (Level A):** Under 210 for both reading and listening
- **Bronze (Level B):** 210–219 for both reading and listening
- **Silver (Level C):** 220–229 for both reading and listening
- **Gold (Level D):** 230–239 for both reading and listening
- **Platinum (Level E):** 240+ for both reading and listening