



Oregon Adult Basic Skills WIOA Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant

Oregon PY24-25 Assessment Policy Change List effective January 1, 2025

In response to guidance from OCTAE [published in Federal Register](#) on December 12, 2024: Updated CASAS Reading GOALS “Approved Until” date: Sunset date of June 30, 2025

Corrected CASAS Appraisal for Reading GOALS test administration time from 15 minutes to 30 minutes

Updated Resources for Information and Assistance to include new HECC High School Equivalency Coordinator

Oregon PY24-25 Assessment Policy Change List (list of changes in April 2024; changes are updated from list below, which was submitted with PY24-25 Assessment Policy in October 2023)

General: In response to Notice in Federal Register that sunset period has been extended until June 30, 2025, removed all references to BEST Plus 3.0 and approved use of BEST Plus 2.0 through June 30, 2025.

Removed references to CASAS accommodations available as of September 2023 (pp. 24 and 33). Revised sections “CASAS Accommodations in Test Administration Procedures” and “Appendix A: Guidelines for Providing Accommodations Using CASAS Assessment for Learners with Disabilities” to reflect updated guidance from [CASAS Testing Accommodations and Accessibility](#).

Oregon PY24-25 Assessment Policy Change List (list of changes made from PY23-24 Updated FINAL)

General: Replacing references to BEST Plus 2.0 to BEST Plus 3.0 throughout document.

1. Table of Contents: Added note at end that information about BEST Plus 3.0 is subject to change based on forthcoming guidelines from the test publisher.
2. P. 6: Update Table 1
 - a. Remove assessments that sunset on 6/30/23 (CASAS Math GOALS, CASAS Life & Work Reading and Listening, BEST Plus 2.0)
 - b. Add BEST Plus 3.0
 - c. Update information related to CASAS Oral Screening Interview (indicated by *)
 - d. Delete reference to retirement of ESL EFL descriptors.
3. P. 7: Replace BEST Plus 3.0 information about reliability and validity with sentence that information about validity and reliability of BEST Plus 3.0 will be available in the BEST Plus 3.0 Technical Report (forthcoming).
4. P. 13 Posttests section:
 - a. Deleted references to CASAS test series that sunset on June 30, 2024



- b. Added “CAL requires that the same test series be used for the pre- and post-test. For example, you cannot pre-test in BEST Plus 2.0 and post-test in BEST Plus 3.0.”
- c. Updated minimum number of instructional hours for BEST Plus 3.0 posttesting to 40 hours based on CAL website visited 9/29/23.
 - d. Added note that information about BEST Plus 3.0 is subject to change based on forthcoming guidelines from the test publisher. (indicated by *)
5. PP. 14-15: Uniform Test Administration Times
 - a. Deleted references to CASAS test series that sunset on June 30, 2024.
 - b. Updated Reading STEPS Locator time to 15 minutes.
6. P. 15: Updated Pre- Post-Match Percentages section chart and narrative to include PY22-23.
7. PP. 15-16 Appraisal and Locator Tests
 - a. Updated language in Appraisal and Locator Tests section for greater clarity.
 - b. Updated Table 2A and deleted Table 2B.
8. PP. 17-18
 - a. Update Table 3A with new CASAS Scale Score Ranges and to delete reference to CASAS test series that sunset on June 30, 2024.
 - b. Update Table 3B with new CASAS Scale Score Ranges and to delete reference to CASAS test series that sunset on June 30, 2024.
 - c. On Table 3C, note that information about BEST Plus 3.0 is subject to change based on forthcoming guidelines from the test publisher. (indicated by *)
9. P. 19 Publisher Recommended Time Frames
 - a. Updated minimum number of instructional hours for BEST Plus 3.0 posttesting to 40 hours based on CAL website visited 9/29/23.
 - b. Note that information about BEST Plus 3.0 is subject to change based on forthcoming guidelines from the test publisher. (indicated by *)
10. P. 22 Assessment Certification Process - Note that information about BEST Plus 3.0 is subject to change based on forthcoming guidelines from the test publisher. (indicated by *)
11. P. 24 Update date of note and contact information re: CASAS supplemental materials for test takes who have a visual impairment.
12. P. 25 Delete all references to CASAS test series that sunset on June 30, 2024. Delete reference to related retirement of ESL EFL descriptors.
13. P. 26 BEST Plus 3.0 Guidelines chart
 - a. Update from BEST Plus 2.0 information to BEST Plus 3.0 information known at this time.
 - b. Updated minimum number of instructional hours for BEST Plus 3.0 posttesting to 40 hours based on CAL website visited 9/29/23.
 - c. Note that information about BEST Plus 3.0 is subject to change based on forthcoming guidelines from the test publisher. (indicated by *)



14. P. 33 Update date of note and contact information re: CASAS supplemental materials for test takers who have a visual impairment.
15. P. 34 Appendix B – Updated final sentence to reference forthcoming BEST Plus 3.0 Test Usage Policy.