

WorkSource Information Notice (WIN)

Employment System Administration and Policy

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TO: Workforce Development System Partners
FROM: Gary Kamimura, Policy Manager
SUBJECT: Notice of Upcoming Changes to CASAS Testing Materials Used to Determine Basic Skills Deficiency for Enrollment in WIOA Title I Programs.

Purpose:

To communicate upcoming changes to allowable CASAS assessments and testing materials and upcoming training on the new assessments and materials and to further communicate that ESD's Employment System Administration and Policy team is in the process of revising WorkSource System Policy 1011 on the use of CASAS for basic skills assessment to align with these changes.

Action Required:

Local Workforce Development Boards and their contractors, as well as Employment Security Regional Directors, must distribute this guidance broadly throughout the system to ensure that WorkSource System staff are familiar with its content and requirements.

Content:

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) has notified ESD that some of the allowable CASAS assessments are changing effective July 1, 2019.

Current assessments permitted for use through June 30, 2019 (see WorkSource System Policy 1011 Revision 4)	The <u>only</u> assessments permitted for use beginning July 1, 2019
Life and Work Reading (forms 81-188)	CASAS Reading GOALS series
Life and Work Listening (forms 981-986)	No change to Life and Work Listening
Life Skills Math (forms 31-38)	CASAS Math GOALS series
	Appraisal (Form 900) *new*
Score needed to qualify as Basic Skills Deficient (BSD): under 236	Score needed to qualify as BSD: 238 or less

SBCTC further provided the following information related to CASAS training and materials:

Information webinars co-presented by CASAS and SBCTC

- Reading GOALS** information webinars on 4/24/19 from 1:30 pm–3:30 pm and 5/3/19 from 9:00 am–11:00 am (no registration required). Please review available information on the [CASAS website](#) prior to attending. **Click this link a half hour prior to [join the CASAS Reading GOALS Info Session](#).**

The WorkSource System is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Language assistance services for limited English proficient individuals are available free of charge.

Logging in early allows you the time to check system requirements and run updates on your computer if necessary. Additional information sessions for Reading GOALS available online via the [CASAS](#) website.

- **Math GOALS** information webinars on 4/25/19 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, and 5/13/19 from 9:00 am – 11 am (no registration required). Please review available information on the [CASAS website](#) prior to attending. **Click this link a half hour prior** to [join the CASAS Math GOALS Info Session](#). Logging in early allows you the time to check system requirements and run updates on your computer if necessary.

CASAS Cadre training

- CASAS Cadre training on 5/1/19 and 5/2/19 (registration required-all new and continuing Cadre should attend one session). Register on the [SBCTC](#) website.

CASAS Implementation training (*Becoming a Test Administrator*)

- [Online](#), self-paced

If you have any questions about the training or information sessions, contact Scott Toscano at SBCTC, stoscano@sbctc.edu, 360-704-4381.

Assessment material information:

Reading GOALS:

- [Order](#) paper test materials for the Reading GOALS series (*materials available to order now!*)
- View the Reading GOALS [sample test items](#) to help familiarize yourself and your students with the format and content of this reading test series.
- Reading GOALS assessments correlate to [CASAS Competencies](#) and [CASAS Content Standards](#). Use student test results to help target instruction.
- Use the [QuickSearch Online](#) database to determine instructional resources by assessment series, skill area, program type, CASAS competency, publication title, and publisher.

Math GOALS:

- [Order](#) paper test materials for the Math GOALS series (*materials available to order mid-April*).
- View the Math GOALS [sample test items](#) (*coming soon*) to familiarize yourself and your students with the format and content of this reading test series.
- Math GOALS assessments correlate to [CASAS Competencies](#) and [CASAS Content Standards](#). Use student test results to help target instruction.
- Use the [QuickSearch Online](#) database to determine instructional resources by assessment series, skill area, program type, CASAS competency, publication title, and publisher.

References:

None.

Website:

<https://wpc.wa.gov/adm/policy/state/guidance>

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Attachments:

None.