



CASAS Scaled Score References for Grade Levels

To help agencies meet federal and state requirements for reporting a corresponding grade level, CASAS is providing the following chart. These references should be used **ONLY** for administrative purposes if you are required by a state or federal law to report a “grade level.”

Learners who are functioning at or below a 235 on the CASAS reading scale and at or below a 225 on the CASAS math scale can be considered functioning below a high school entry level (8.9).

These grade level references should **NOT** be used in any high stakes situations, such as hiring, firing, or promotion. Also, these grade level references should **NOT** be shared with students or used in a classroom situation.

When possible, it is recommended that programs use local or state guidelines based on population groups and research conducted in your area. *

| For these CASAS Reading scaled scores... | For these CASAS Math scaled scores... | ...fill in the corresponding grade level on the required form ** | Approximate NALS Levels *** |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| below 200 | | 1 | 1 |
| 201 – 205 | | 2 | 1 |
| 206 – 210 | below 200 | 3 | 1 |
| 211 – 215 | 201 – 205 | 4 | 1 |
| 216 – 220 | 206 – 210 | 5 | 1 |
| 221 – 225 | 211 – 215 | 6 | 1 |
| 226 – 230 | 216 – 220 | 7 | 1 |
| 231 – 235 | 221 – 225 | 8 | 1 |
| 236 – 240 | 226 – 230 | 9 | 2 |
| 241 – 245 | 231 – 235 | 10 | 2 |
| 246 – 250 | 236 – 240 | 11 | 2 |
| 251 – 255 | 241 – 245 | 12 | 2/3 |
| 256+ | 245+ | 13+ | 3 |

* Some states have established their own grade level reference guidelines (CT, OR). If your agency is in one of these states, contact your state CASAS specialist.

** The above references are based on studies from many state and national databases that compared CASAS scaled scores of more than 500,000 learners, ages 14 and above, with the number of years of education completed as reported by these learners. The majority of learners in these databases reported completing 6 years or more of K-12 education. Thus, the data showing the number of years of school completed, 6 years through 10 years, are the most reliable. Very little information is available to reliably determine the grade level estimations of the population reporting fewer than 6 years of school completed. The CASAS scaled score ranges provided for grade level estimations at 11th, 12th and above are based on a relatively small sample of adults who were administered CASAS D Level tests. CASAS does not provide equivalent scores based on a K-12 academic school achievement test. CASAS tests reflect life skills and/or employability content appropriate for young adults and adults.

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