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This Technical Assistance (TA) Bulletin provides Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with information about changes included in The Workforce Information System of Texas (TWIST) Release 6.9, which makes additional assessments available in TWIST for assessing employability and job retention needs and achieving measurable skills gains.

As stated in WD Letter 09-19, issued April 22, 2019, and titled “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Performance Accountability and Guidance for Performance Outcomes,” and subsequent issuances, when pretesting and posttesting are used to demonstrate Educational Functioning Level (EFL) gains, Boards must use the following National Reporting System (NRS)–approved tests:

- Adult Basic Education
  - TABE 11/12
  - CASAS Reading Goals
  - CASAS Math Goals
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
  - CASAS Life & Work Reading
  - CASAS Life & Work Listening
  - BEST Plus 2.0
  - BEST Literacy
  - TABE CLAS-E

TWIST Release 6.9 ensures that all of the NRS-approved tests listed above are available for use in the TWIST Testing tab.

The above tests may also be used for Choices customers when used as a general assessment of employability and job retention needs. However, assessing EFLs for determining state time limits for Choices customers receiving TANF benefits must still be completed using the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) 11/12, until a future TWIST release to modify the automated interface between TWIST and TIERS is completed.

### **Overview of Changes**

TWIST Release 6.9 changes the name of the **TABE Form** field label to **Test Level** and adds the following new tests:

- CASAS Reading Goals

- CASAS Math Goals
- CASAS Life and Work Reading
- CASAS Life and Work Listening
- BEST Plus 2.0
- BEST Literacy
- TABE CLAS-E

Scale scores are required for all tests. The EFL will be displayed automatically based on the scale score entered by the user.

For the TABE 11/12, TWIST will automatically calculate the grade level based on the scale score entered. For the CASAS Reading Goals and CASAS Math Goals, staff may enter the grade level manually based on the information provided in Table 1 below. For ESL tests, the grade level field is disabled. Any individual who requires an ESL test would be considered basic skills deficient under WIOA.

Table 1 shows a crosswalk of new tests, including functional areas, scale scores, and corresponding EFL levels.

Table 2 shows the test levels available for each test type.

Table 1. Crosswalk of New Tests

Category	Test	Functional Area	EFL	TWIST EFL Code	Scale Scores	Grade Levels
1-ABE	9-CASAS Reading Goals	1—Reading	1	3	<204	K-1
1-ABE	9-CASAS Reading Goals	1—Reading	2	4	204–216	2–3
1-ABE	9-CASAS Reading Goals	1—Reading	3	5	217–227	4–5
1-ABE	9-CASAS Reading Goals	1—Reading	4	6	228–238	6–8
1-ABE	9-CASAS Reading Goals	1—Reading	5	7	239–248	9–10
1-ABE	9-CASAS Reading Goals	1—Reading	6	8	>248	11–12
1-ABE	10-CASAS Math Goals	10—Math	1	3	<194	K-1
1-ABE	10-CASAS Math Goals	10—Math	2	4	194–203	2–3
1-ABE	10-CASAS Math Goals	10—Math	3	5	204–214	4–5
1-ABE	10-CASAS Math Goals	10—Math	4	6	215–225	6–7
1-ABE	10-CASAS Math Goals	10—Math	5	7	226–235	7–8

Category	Test	Functional Area	EFL	TWIST EFL Code	Scale Scores	Grade Levels
1-ABE	10-CASAS Math Goals	10—Math	6	8	>235	9–12
2-ESL	11-CASAS L&W Reading	1—Reading	1	1	<181	N/A
2-ESL	11-CASAS L&W Reading	1—Reading	2	2	181–190	N/A
2-ESL	11-CASAS L&W Reading	1—Reading	3	3	191–200	N/A
2-ESL	11-CASAS L&W Reading	1—Reading	4	4	201–210	N/A
2-ESL	11-CASAS L&W Reading	1—Reading	5	5	211–220	N/A
2-ESL	11-CASAS L&W Reading	1—Reading	6	6	221–235	N/A
2-ESL	12-CASAS L&W Listening	15—Listening	1	1	162–180	N/A
2-ESL	12-CASAS L&W Listening	15—Listening	2	2	181–189	N/A
2-ESL	12-CASAS L&W Listening	15—Listening	3	3	190–199	N/A
2-ESL	12-CASAS L&W Listening	15—Listening	4	4	200–209	N/A
2-ESL	12-CASAS L&W Listening	15—Listening	5	5	210–218	N/A
2-ESL	12-CASAS L&W Listening	15—Listening	6	6	219–227	N/A
2-ESL	13-BEST Plus 2.0	16—Total	1	1	88–361	N/A
2-ESL	13-BEST Plus 2.0	16—Total	2	2	362–427	N/A
2-ESL	13-BEST Plus 2.0	16—Total	3	3	428–452	N/A
2-ESL	13-BEST Plus 2.0	16—Total	4	4	453–484	N/A
2-ESL	13-BEST Plus 2.0	16—Total	5	5	485–524	N/A
2-ESL	13-BEST Plus 2.0	16—Total	6	6	525–564 (exit 565 and higher)	N/A
2-ESL	14-BEST Literacy	16—Total	1	1	0–20	N/A
2-ESL	14-BEST Literacy	16—Total	2	2	21–52	N/A
2-ESL	14-BEST Literacy	16—Total	3	3	53–63	N/A
2-ESL	14-BEST Literacy	16—Total	4	4	64–67	N/A
2-ESL	14-BEST Literacy	16—Total	5	5	68–75	N/A
2-ESL	14-BEST Literacy	16—Total	6	6	76–78	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	13—Total Reading & Writing	1	1	225–394	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	13—Total Reading & Writing	2	2	395–441	N/A

Category	Test	Functional Area	EFL	TWIST EFL Code	Scale Scores	Grade Levels
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	13—Total Reading & Writing	3	3	442–482	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	13—Total Reading & Writing	4	4	483–514	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	13—Total Reading & Writing	5	5	515–556	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	13—Total Reading & Writing	6	6	557–600	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	14—Total Listening & Speaking	1	1	230–407	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	14—Total Listening & Speaking	2	2	408–449	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	14—Total Listening & Speaking	3	3	450–485	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	14—Total Listening & Speaking	4	4	486–525	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	14—Total Listening & Speaking	5	5	526–558	N/A
2-ESL	15-TABE CLAS-E	14—Total Listening & Speaking	6	6	559–600	N/A

Table 2. Test Levels for Each Test Type

Test	Test Levels
9-CASAS Reading Goals	901R, Level A
9-CASAS Reading Goals	902R, Level A
9-CASAS Reading Goals	903R, Level B
9-CASAS Reading Goals	904R, Level B
9-CASAS Reading Goals	905R, Level C
9-CASAS Reading Goals	906R, Level C
9-CASAS Reading Goals	907R, Level D
9-CASAS Reading Goals	908R, Level D
10-CASAS Math Goals	913M, Level A/B
10-CASAS Math Goals	914M, Level A/B
10-CASAS Math Goals	917M, Level C/D
10-CASAS Math Goals	918M, Level C/D
11-CASAS L&W Reading	27R, Beginning Literacy
11-CASAS L&W Reading	28R, Beginning Literacy

<b>Test</b>	<b>Test Levels</b>
11-CASAS L&W Reading	81R, Level A
11-CASAS L&W Reading	82R, Level A
11-CASAS L&W Reading	81RX, Level A
11-CASAS L&W Reading	82RX, Level A
11-CASAS L&W Reading	83R, Level B
11-CASAS L&W Reading	84R, Level B
11-CASAS L&W Reading	85R, Level C
11-CASAS L&W Reading	86R, Level C
11-CASAS L&W Reading	185R, Level C
11-CASAS L&W Reading	186R, Level C
11-CASAS L&W Reading	187R, Level D
11-CASAS L&W Reading	188R, Level D
12-CASAS L&W Listening	981L, Level A
12-CASAS L&W Listening	982L, Level A
12-CASAS L&W Listening	983L, Level B
12-CASAS L&W Listening	984L, Level B
12-CASAS L&W Listening	985L, Level C
12-CASAS L&W Listening	986L, Level C
13-BEST Plus 2.0	D, Level 1
13-BEST Plus 2.0	D, Level 2
13-BEST Plus 2.0	D, Level 3
13-BEST Plus 2.0	E, Level 1
13-BEST Plus 2.0	E, Level 2
13-BEST Plus 2.0	E, Level 3
13-BEST Plus 2.0	F, Level 1
13-BEST Plus 2.0	F, Level 2
13-BEST Plus 2.0	F, Level 3
14-BEST Literacy	B
14-BEST Literacy	C
14-BEST Literacy	D
15-TABE CLAS-E	A, Level 1
15-TABE CLAS-E	A, Level 2
15-TABE CLAS-E	A, Level 3
15-TABE CLAS-E	A, Level 4
15-TABE CLAS-E	B, Level 1
15-TABE CLAS-E	B, Level 2
15-TABE CLAS-E	B, Level 3
15-TABE CLAS-E	B, Level 4