

National Reporting System
Test Benchmarks for Educational Functioning Levels
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English as a Second Language

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Educational Functioning Level	Test Benchmarks
<p style="text-align: center;">Beginning ESL Literacy</p>	<p>CASAS scale scores: Reading: 180 and below Listening: 180 and below</p> <p>BEST¹ Plus: 400 and below (SPL 0–1) BEST Literacy: 0 – 20 (SPL 0–1)</p> <p>TABE CLAS-E² scale scores³: Total Reading and Writing: 225 – 394 Total Listening and Speaking: 230 – 407</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Low Beginning ESL</p>	<p>CASAS scale scores: Reading: 181 – 190 Listening: 181 – 190 Writing: 136 – 145</p> <p>BEST Plus: 401 – 417 (SPL 2) BEST Literacy: 21 – 52 (SPL 2)</p> <p>TABE CLAS-E scale scores: Total Reading and Writing: 395 – 441 Total Listening and Speaking: 408 – 449</p>

¹BEST= Basic English Skills Test

²TABE CLAS–E = Test of Adult Basic Education Complete Language Assessment System – English

³Refer to the TABE CLAS–E Technical Manual for score ranges for individual reading, writing, listening and speaking tests. Table shows only total scores.

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<p>High Beginning ESL</p>	<p>CASAS scale scores: Reading: 191 – 200 Listening: 191 – 200 Writing: 146 – 200</p> <p>BEST Plus: 418 – 438 (SPL 3) BEST Literacy: 53 – 63 (SPL 3)</p> <p>TABE CLAS-E scale scores: Total Reading and Writing: 442 – 482 Total Listening and Speaking: 450 – 485</p>
<p>Low Intermediate ESL</p>	<p>CASAS scale scores: Reading: 201 – 210 Listening: 201 – 210 Writing: 201 – 225</p> <p>BEST Plus: 439 – 472 (SPL 4) BEST Literacy: 64 – 67 (SPL 4)</p> <p>TABE CLAS-E scale scores: Total Reading and Writing: 483 – 514 Total Listening and Speaking: 486 – 525</p>
<p>High Intermediate ESL</p>	<p>CASAS scale scores: Reading: 211 – 220 Listening: 211 – 220 Writing: 226 – 242</p> <p>BEST Plus: 473 – 506 (SPL 5) BEST Literacy: 68 – 75 (SPL 5)</p> <p>TABE CLAS-E scale scores: Total Reading and Writing: 515 – 556 Total Listening and Speaking: 526 – 558</p>

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Advanced ESL	CASAS scale scores: Reading: 221 – 235 Listening: 221 – 235 Writing: 243 – 260 BEST Plus: 507 – 540 (SPL 6) BEST Literacy⁴: 76 – 78 (SPL 6) TABE CLAS-E scale scores: Total Reading and Writing: 557 – 600 Total Listening and Speaking: 559 – 600