

Assessment Guidance

Topic: Best Plus 3.0 Training Guidance

Topic: Optional CASAS Implementation

Best Plus 3.0 Updates

- Best Plus 3.0 **Initial** Test Administrator Certification is valid for 3 years and 10 hours of PD.
- Best Plus 3.0 Refresher Test Administrator PD will be 6 hours.
- **Optional** Best Plus 3.0 Refresher will be available starting July 2026 through the RAEN.
- BEST Literacy 2.0 training is still available but not required.

CASAS

- New York State has approved the (optional) use of CASAS for both ESL and BE Assessments.
- Programs **may not switch between CASAS/BEST Plus or CASAS/TABE in the same program year**. Students must be post-tested on the same assessment on which they were pre-tested. Example: All ESL students are given Best Plus 3.0 and all BE students are given CASAS.
- Programs may enter CASAS pre-tests into ASISTS **beginning March 1st**; these tests will be counted as a pre-test for PY 2026-2027.
- Hours associated with testing during PY 25-26 will count in PY 25-26 but the tests will not count in reporting until July 1, 2026.
- **Virtual test administrator training** for CASAS is now available for **only programs who will be implementing CASAS in PY 26-27**. See the attached CASAS Administrator Training document.
 - Test Administrators will receive 2 hours of PD when the RAEN receives certificates of completion. *Each program is responsible* for submitting certificates to the RAEN.
 - RAEN sponsored training will be available for CASAS beginning June 2026.
- Programs must order by April 6, 2026 for May 1, 2026 delivery date.
 - There is free ground shipping until June 30, 2026.