

LEP Pathway ESL Competency Levels

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Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) and the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) approved assessment tests will be used to determine the participant's initial English competency level for placement and subsequent language/skill level gain assessment.

The appraiser will convert the raw CASAS test score(s) to a scale score and then to the corresponding Washington State ESL Adult Learning Standards levels as shown in the table below.

CASAS Appraisal Score	Proficiency Level	Washington State ESL Adult Learning Standards Levels
A (0 to 180)	Non-Proficient	1 Beginning ESL Literacy
A (181-190)	Emerging Proficient	2 Low Beginning ESL
A (191-200)	Basic Proficient	3 High Beginning ESL
B (201-210)	Basic Proficient	4 Low Intermediate ESL
B (211-220)	High Proficient	5 High Intermediate ESL
C (221-235)	Proficient	6 Advanced ESL