
2025-2026 Policy Revisions change list effective July 1, 2025

Updated Table of Contents

Throughout: All references to GOALS updated to GOALS 2, all references to Reading GOALS updated to Reading GOALS 2; all references to BEST Plus 2.0 updated to BEST Plus 3.0

Section 2.2: Learner Eligibility

- Updated cutoff score for BEST Plus 3.0 (cutoff score for Reading GOALS 2 remained same as for Reading GOALS)

Section 3.2: Federal Targets

- Removed performance targets and actuals for 2021-22; added performance actuals for 2023-24 and targets for 2025-26.

Section 3.3 Performance-Based Funding

- Clarified language and data sources, expanded descriptions, updated program years, and, where appropriate, added detailed hypothetical examples.

Section 4: Professional Development Chart for Assessment

- Added CASAS Module 3 to assessment requirements for at least one staff member per agency, based on type of testing (eTests, Paper, Remote)
- Clarified that CASAS recertification is required “by role per role fulfilled”
- Replaced BEST Plus 2.0 with BEST Plus 3.0

Section 4.1: Professional Development for Data Management

- Replaced the “CASAS TOPSpro Enterprise® Basics Training” that is no longer available with the Introduction to TOPSpro Enterprise and the TOPSpro

Enterprise Help materials posted on the CASAS website under Training and Support; updated frequency to include “as needed” following initial training after hiring.

- In Policy 3, changed final sentence from “This document does not need to be submitted, but it must be on file and available for inspection if requested” to “This document must be on file and available for inspection if requested.”

Section 5.1: Added heading “5.1 Learning Standards”

- Updated due dates on OACCRS/OAELPS Program Implementation Chart
- Removed Advising & Support Services category from OACCRS/OAELPS Program Implementation Chart
- In the Policy chart, changed “Annual OACCRS/OAELPS training plan for PY 2026-2027” to “Annual Professional Development Plan for PY 2026-2027.” Removed “OACCRS/OAELPS used for placement in, and descriptions of, Career Pathways.”

Section 5.6 Career Pathways edits

- Delete first sentence, “There are multiple definitions of Career Pathways.”
- Add: In Oregon, community college programs follow the federal WIOA definition of “career pathways.” According to WIOA, the term ‘career pathway’ means...(keep the rest)
- Delete: “The Oregon Pathways Alliance, established with support from the Governor’s Employer Workforce fund and the Oregon Workforce and Talent Development Board (formally the Oregon Workforce Investment Board), is a collaboration of all Oregon Community Colleges. It defines career pathways as:”
- Add: The ‘Community College Career Pathways’ grants which are awarded to colleges every two years also follows the federal and state definitions of career pathways. The community of practice established with these grants (Oregon Pathways Alliance) also created a working definition to create a shared vision and better guide their implementation of these grants. (Keep part of definition as is, or link to full definition)
- Delete: Currently, Oregon community colleges offer more than 400 Career Pathway certificate programs. These certificates are defined in Oregon statute as being 15 – 44 credit certificates that are completely contained within an Associate of Applied Science degree or one-year certificate. This means a working learner can continue to make progress toward a higher-level credential without losing time or money having to take classes that are required in the

higher-level credential but different from those in the Career Pathway certificate.

- Add: "Career Pathways Certificate of Completion" is a certificate awarded by a community college for meeting specific technical skill proficiency requirements that meet an employment need. Career Pathways Certificates are a collection of 12 to 44 credits that are wholly contained in an approved Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree option, or an Independent Certificate of Completion (with at least 45 credits). A Career Pathways Certificate also has a defined job entry point, represents collegiate-level work, and meets Commission standards and criteria. (OAR 589-006-0050 (14))
- Policy: 'Career pathways' as used in Integrated Education and Training must at least include the components listed in refers to the federal WIOA definition.
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Section 5.10: Integrated Education & Training (IET)

- Fixed formatting for 34 CFR 463.37
- Added new guidance regarding bridge programs and activities
- Added new policies regarding bridge programs and IET program design

Section 6: Assessment

- BEST Plus 2.0 replaced with BEST Plus 3.0 throughout section
 - BEST Plus 3.0 minimum hours of instruction required for post-testing is 40 hours (was 60 hours with BEST Plus 2.0)
- CASAS Reading GOALS replaced with Reading GOALS 2 throughout section
- Removed test pair goals and actuals for 2020-21; added test pair actuals for 2023-24 and goals for 2025-26.

Section 7.2: Data Collection

- Updated how to find CASAS TOPSpro Enterprise® basic information; clarified that some CASAS content is specific to California and may not be applicable and/or comply with Oregon policies.

- Clarified use and purposes of data elements programs must attempt to collect. Corrected and clarified Primary and Secondary goal language.
- Corrected and clarified Primary and Secondary goal language in policy 7.
- Added policy 7.c. to be consistent with the Oregon Data Manual for WIOA Title II Providers.

Section 9.21:

- A non-federal entity that expends \$1,000,000 or more in federal awards during the fiscal year must have an independent single or program-specific audit conducted for that year. Updated from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 to reflect 2024 Federal Uniform Guidance revisions.

Section 9.4:

- Capital outlays are defined as any item with a useful life in excess of one year and a per-unit cost of \$10,000 or more. (This is the federal definition of “equipment.”). Updated from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to reflect 2024 Federal Uniform Guidance revisions.

Section 10.4 and Oregon Assessment Signature Page

- Removed “in late spring or early summer” reference in BEST Plus 3.0 training
- Updated to reference BEST Plus 3.0