

The FCAT Handscoring Process

1. FCAT

Students in grades 3-11 take the FCAT each spring.



2. Grading Scale

Florida teachers and experts develop the test's grading scale using previous student answers.



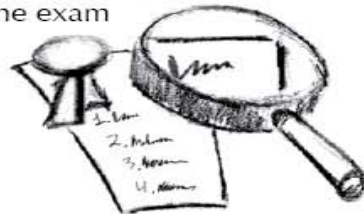
3. Training

College graduates are trained to score accurately.



4. Qualifying

Evaluators must pass a qualifying exam to begin scoring. The exam includes scoring with at least 80 percent accuracy.



5. Scoring Accuracy

Two evaluators score each question on their own.

On average, the evaluators' scores agree 97 percent of the time.



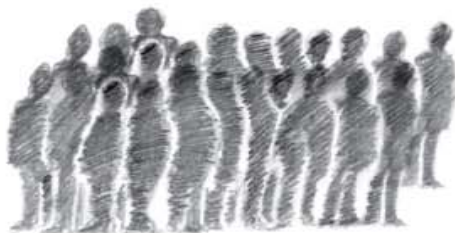
6. Scoring Accuracy

Differences in scoring are resolved by the scoring director.



7. Scoring Accuracy

By the time the FCAT handscoring process is complete, approximately 24 trained educators have reviewed each question.



8. Results

Students' scores are given to parents and teachers.

