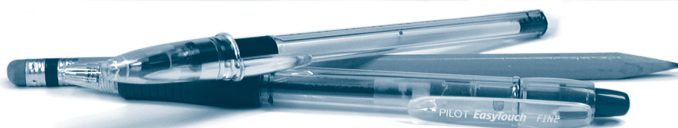
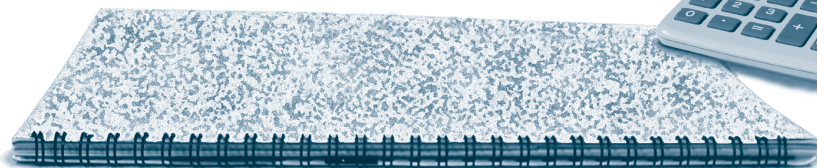
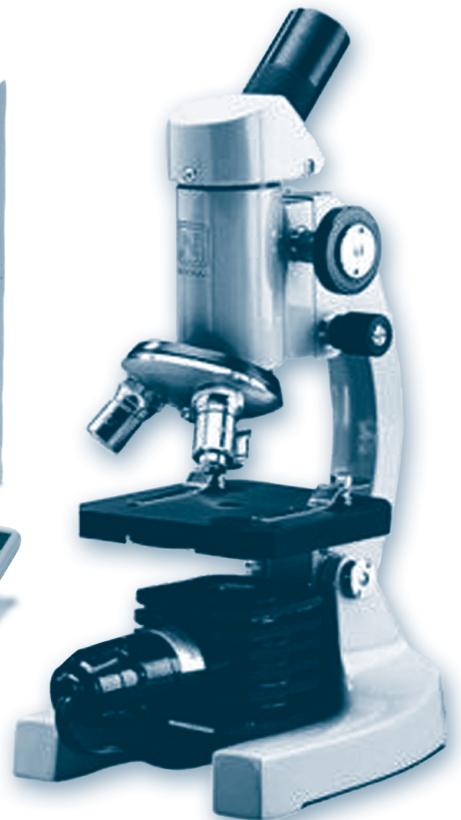
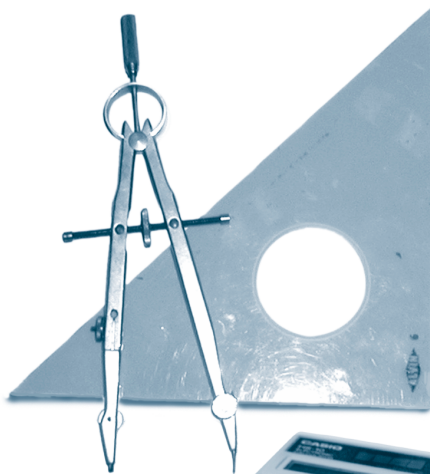


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Dear Educator:

Florida students continue to make progress in learning the *Sunshine State Standards*. These standards specify the knowledge and skills that students should have as they move from grade to grade and later move into higher education or careers in the workplace. The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test provides one measure of students' knowledge and abilities in reading, writing, mathematics and science.

Understanding FCAT Reports 2003 has been prepared so you can familiarize yourself with the 2003 FCAT reports and help parents and students understand them. The booklet includes examples, explanatory text, a glossary of assessment terms and information about the *Sunshine State Standards* content assessed on the FCAT.

The FCAT reports have been redesigned, with input from Florida educators, to reflect changes in the 2002-2003 FCAT program. FCAT Science was administered to all students in Grades 5, 8 and 10 for the first time in March 2003. Achievement levels for science will be determined in the future. In the meantime, students receive a scale score in the range of 100–500, content subscores and an indication of how their performance compares to statewide results (top, middle or lowest third). The FCAT Reading and Mathematics student report now allows comparison of a student's performance to the minimum score that represents "on-grade level" achievement. FCAT Developmental Scale Scores (DSS) range from 86–3000 across Grades 3–10 and are used to determine annual progress from grade to grade. The Department of Education Web site (www.myfloridaeducation.com) also features an interactive tool for displaying growth in FCAT performance for individual students.

Thank you for your good work providing Florida students with a high-quality education built on the *Sunshine State Standards*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Horne".

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet has been prepared to help you understand the reports for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). It includes samples of the reports, explanations of the reports, a glossary of the terms used in these reports, and the *Sunshine State Standards* (SSS) content assessed on FCAT.

Data in the reports are fictional, but show the type of information that will be reported. Although the sample reports in this booklet are for Grade 10, the explanations provided apply to all grade levels except where otherwise noted.

PURPOSE OF THE FCAT

The purpose of the FCAT is to assess student achievement of the SSS benchmarks in reading, mathematics, science and writing. The FCAT also includes norm-referenced tests (NRT) in reading comprehension and mathematics problem solving, which allow for comparing the performance of Florida students with students across the nation.

GRADE LEVELS TESTED

- FCAT SSS Reading and Mathematics – Grades 3–10
- FCAT Writing – Grades 4, 8, and 10
- FCAT SSS Science – Grades 5, 8, and 10
- FCAT NRT Reading and Mathematics – Grades 3–10

QUESTION FORMATS

- **Multiple-choice questions** are worth 1 point each and appear on FCAT SSS Reading, Mathematics, and Science tests and the FCAT NRT Reading and Mathematics for all grades. Students choose the best answer from four answer choices.
- **Gridded-response questions** are worth 1 point each and appear on the FCAT SSS Mathematics test in Grades 5–10 and the FCAT SSS Science test in Grades 8 and 10. These questions require students to figure out a numeric answer and bubble it in on a grid.
- **Performance tasks** are part of the FCAT SSS for students in Grades 4, 5, 8, and 10. These tasks require students to answer reading questions in their own words, show their solutions to mathematics questions or respond to science questions. There are two types of performance tasks: short-response and extended-response. Short-response tasks take about 5 minutes to answer and receive 0, 1, or 2 points. Extended-response tasks take 10–15 minutes to complete and receive 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 points. Answers to performance tasks are scored using a holistic scoring rubric. (Copies of the holistic scoring rubrics for each subject are provided in this booklet.) A minimum of two trained readers independently score each answer. The final score is the result of these multiple evaluations.
- For FCAT Writing, students in Grades 4, 8, and 10 write an **essay** for an assigned topic (prompt). Students in Grade 4 write either an expository or narrative essay while students in Grades 8 and 10 write either an expository or persuasive essay. The highest score a student can receive is a 6. Student essays are scored using a holistic scoring rubric. Two trained readers independently score each essay. The score reported is the average of both readers' scores. (A copy of the holistic scoring rubric for writing is provided in this booklet.)

WHO IS TESTED?

Most students, including limited English proficient (LEP) and exceptional student education (ESE) students, enrolled in the tested grade levels participate in the FCAT administration. Administration accommodations are available and provided to eligible ESE and LEP students.

FCAT REPORTS

FCAT results are reported in several formats. Reports are distributed to students, schools, and districts. The table on the next page provides a list of the sample Grade 10 reports included in this booklet, the grade levels at which they apply, and the page number on which they are found. Keep in mind that although this booklet does not contain samples of all reports, the samples provided are similar in content and layout to other reports.

FCAT REPORT TITLE	GRADES	REPORT DESCRIBED ON PAGE
STUDENT REPORTS		
Certificate of Achievement	3–10	6
Grade 10 Pass/Fail Student Label	10–Adult	6
Reading & Mathematics SSS Student Report	3–Adult	7
Science SSS Student Report	5, 8, and 10	8
Writing Student Report	4, 8, and 10	9
Reading & Mathematics NRT Student Report	3–10	10
Reading SSS Performance Tasks Student Report	4, 8, and 10	11
Mathematics SSS Performance Tasks Student Report	5, 8, and 10	11*
SCHOOL REPORTS		
Reading SSS School Report of Students	3–Adult	20*
Mathematics SSS School Report of Students	3–Adult	20*
Science SSS School Report of Students	5, 8, and 10	20*
Reading & Mathematics NRT School Report of Students	3–10	21*
Writing School Listing of Achievement	4, 8, and 10	22*
Writing School Results	4, 8, and 10	22*
Reading & Mathematics SSS School Demographic Report	3–Adult	24*
Science SSS School Demographic Report	5, 8, and 10	24*
Writing School Demographic Report	4, 8, and 10	25*
Reading & Mathematics NRT School Demographic Report	3–10	26*
DISTRICT REPORTS		
Reading SSS District Report of Schools	3–Adult	20
Mathematics SSS District Report of Schools	3–Adult	20*
Science SSS District Report of Schools	5, 8, and 10	20*
Reading SSS District Report of Scores	3–10	20*
Mathematics SSS District Report of Scores	3–10	20*
Science SSS District Report of Scores	5, 8, and 10	20*
Reading & Mathematics NRT District Report of Schools	3–10	21
Reading & Mathematics NRT District Report of Scores	3–10	21*
Writing District Results	4, 8, and 10	22
Writing District Report of School Means and Score Point Distributions	4, 8, and 10	23
Reading & Mathematics SSS District Demographic Report	3–Adult	24
Science SSS District Demographic Report	5, 8, and 10	24*
Writing District Demographic Report	4, 8, and 10	25
Reading & Mathematics NRT District Demographic Report	3–10	26
STATE REPORTS		
Reading SSS State Report of Districts	3–Adult	20*
Mathematics SSS State Report of Districts	3–Adult	20*
Science SSS State Report of Districts	5, 8, and 10	20*
Reading SSS State Report of Scores	3–10	20*
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Science SSS State Report of Scores	5, 8, and 10	20*
Reading & Mathematics NRT State Report of Districts	3–10	21*
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Writing State Demographic Report	4, 8, and 10	25*
Reading & Mathematics NRT State Demographic Report	3–10	26*

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

Achievement levels describe the success a student has achieved on the Florida *Sunshine State Standards* tested on the FCAT. Achievement levels range from 1 to 5, with Level 1 being the lowest and Level 5 being the highest. The tables below list the achievement levels for FCAT SSS Reading and Mathematics along with the scale score ranges associated with each achievement level, by grade level. The achievement levels for FCAT SSS Science will be determined in the future. The first table lists the achievement levels and scale score ranges that are used to determine the student's success on the FCAT. The second table lists the achievement levels for the FCAT Developmental Scale.

FCAT ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS										
READING						MATHEMATICS				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
100-258	259-283	284-331	332-393	394-500	3	100-252	253-293	294-345	346-397	398-500
100-274	275-298	299-338	339-385	386-500	4	100-259	260-297	298-346	347-393	394-500
100-255	256-285	286-330	331-383	384-500	5	100-287	288-325	326-354	355-394	395-500
100-264	265-295	296-338	339-386	387-500	6	100-282	283-314	315-353	354-390	391-500
100-266	267-299	300-343	344-388	389-500	7	100-274	275-305	306-343	344-378	379-500
100-270	271-309	310-349	350-393	394-500	8	100-279	280-309	310-346	347-370	371-500
100-284	285-321	322-353	354-381	382-500	9	100-260	261-295	296-331	332-366	367-500
100-286	287-326	327-354	355-371	372-500	10	100-286	287-314	315-339	340-374	375-500

FCAT ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL SCALE										
READING						MATHEMATICS				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
86-1045	1046-1197	1198-1488	1489-1865	1866-2514	3	375-1078	1079-1268	1269-1508	1509-1749	1750-2225
295-1314	1315-1455	1456-1689	1690-1964	1965-2638	4	581-1276	1277-1443	1444-1657	1658-1862	1863-2330
474-1341	1342-1509	1510-1761	1762-2058	2059-2713	5	569-1451	1452-1631	1632-1768	1769-1956	1957-2456
539-1449	1450-1621	1622-1859	1860-2125	2126-2758	6	770-1553	1554-1691	1692-1859	1860-2018	2019-2492
671-1541	1542-1714	1715-1944	1945-2180	2181-2767	7	958-1660	1661-1785	1786-1938	1939-2079	2080-2572
886-1695	1696-1881	1882-2072	2073-2281	2282-2790	8	1025-1732	1733-1850	1851-1997	1998-2091	2092-2605
772-1771	1772-1971	1972-2145	2146-2297	2298-2943	9	1238-1781	1782-1900	1901-2022	2023-2141	2142-2596
844-1851	1852-2067	2068-2218	2219-2310	2311-3008	10	1068-1831	1832-1946	1947-2049	2050-2192	2193-2709

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Students who expect to graduate from high school in the 2002–2003 school year and beyond must earn passing scores on the Reading and Mathematics *Sunshine State Standards* portion of the Grade 10 FCAT. After Grade 10, there will be additional opportunities to retake the test and earn passing scores if students are not successful on the first attempt.

Passing scores for the Grade 10 FCAT SSS are determined by the State Board of Education. The current Grade 10 passing scores as determined by the State Board of Education are as follows:

FCAT SSS Reading Test	300 (Developmental Scale Score of 1926) or above
FCAT SSS Mathematics Test	300 (Developmental Scale Score of 1889) or above

Students who were administered the Grade 10 FCAT for the first time during the 2001 administrations will earn a passing score if they receive a score of 287 (Developmental Scale Score of 1856) or higher on the FCAT SSS Reading test and 295 (Developmental Scale Score of 1868) or higher on the FCAT SSS Mathematics test.

REPORT TEXT (BACK)

FCAT Reading, Mathematics, and Science reports contain general information on the back in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. The English version appears below.

FCAT Reports

Separate reports are produced for the *Sunshine State Standards* tests in FCAT Reading and Mathematics, Science, and Writing. A separate report is also printed for the norm-referenced tests in Reading and Mathematics.

FCAT Norm-Referenced Test (NRT) Report The FCAT NRT report shows reading and mathematics scores on a Florida version of the SAT9 (published by Harcourt Educational Measurement). Student scores are compared to a national "norm" group, where a percentile rank score of 50 is average.

Sunshine State Standards (SSS) Reports The FCAT SSS Reading, Mathematics, and Science reports show test scores from Florida's tests of academic standards. These reports contain subject scores and content scores. Subject scores describe the overall achievement, and content scores give the number of points earned in specific skill areas. Success on the Reading and Mathematics tests can be best understood by using the achievement levels where a 3 or higher is on or above grade level.

Achievement Levels Five categories of achievement describe the success students have with the content tested on the FCAT Reading and Mathematics. Level 5 is the highest and Level 1 is the lowest. Since science achievement levels have not been determined, science scores are ranked as to whether they fall in the lowest, middle, or highest third of statewide student performance.

- 5 This student has success with the most challenging content of the *Sunshine State Standards*. A student scoring in Level 5 answers most of the test questions correctly, including the most challenging questions.
- 4 This student has success with the challenging content of the *Sunshine State Standards*. A student scoring in Level 4 answers most of the test questions correctly, but may have only some success with questions that reflect the most challenging content.
- 3 This student has partial success with the challenging content of the *Sunshine State Standards*, but performance is inconsistent. A student scoring in Level 3 answers many of the test questions correctly, but is generally less successful with questions that are the most challenging.
- 2 This student has limited success with the challenging content of the *Sunshine State Standards*.
- 1 This student has little success with the challenging content of the *Sunshine State Standards*.

FCAT Certificates Students who earn Level 5 scores or whose science scale scores are greater than 400 receive Certificates of Achievement. For writing, certificates are given to all students with scores of 5.5 or 6 and to fourth graders with scores of 5, 5.5, and 6. Certificates are not awarded based on the FCAT Norm-Referenced Test scores.

The FCAT Writing Holistic Scoring Rubrics (example on page 19), appears on the back of the FCAT Writing reports. A separate sheet will be distributed to districts which includes the Spanish translation of the FCAT Writing Holistic Scoring Rubrics on one side and the Haitian Creole translation on the other.

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

The *Certificate of Achievement* is awarded **only** to students in Grades 3–10 who demonstrate outstanding or notable performance on the *Sunshine State Standards* Reading, Mathematics, Science, and/or Writing tests. Home Education Program, Grades 11–13, and Adult students are not eligible to receive *Certificates of Achievement*. If a student is being recognized for more than one subject, the student will receive one certificate listing his/her achievement in all subjects. Certificates are not awarded based on the FCAT NRT scores.

Students may earn a *Certificate of Achievement* for “Outstanding Performance” in FCAT SSS Reading, Mathematics, Science, and/or Writing. In order to earn recognition for “Outstanding Performance,” students must earn an achievement level score of 5 on the Reading SSS or Mathematics SSS tests, a scale score of 400 or above on the Science SSS test, or a final score of 6.0 on FCAT Writing. Additionally, students may earn a *Certificate of Achievement* for “Notable Performance” in FCAT Writing. To earn recognition for “Notable Performance,” Grade 4 students must receive a final score of either 5.0 or 5.5 on FCAT Writing. Grade 8 and 10 students must receive a final score of 5.5.

GRADE 10 PASS/FAIL STUDENT LABEL (GRADE 10–13 AND ADULT)

To the right is a sample of the *Grade 10 Pass/Fail Student Label*. This label is provided for all students taking the Grade 10 Reading SSS and/or Mathematics SSS tests.

The label displays the student’s scale score in each subject tested, and whether the student passed or failed the test.

FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) SPRING 2003 <i>SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS</i>			
STUDENT:	CORY CASEY	GRADE:	10
DISTRICT:	99 SUNSHINE	SID:	112883427X
SCHOOL:	9999 SUNSHINE HIGH SCHOOL		
READING:	430 PASSED	MATH:	381 PASSED

NO DATA REPORTED

The following abbreviations may appear on some reports.

NT (Not Tested) indicates that no data are reported for the student because he or she was not tested for that subject.

NR (Not Reported) indicates that no data are reported for the student because he or she answered too few questions for that subject.

NA (Data Not Available) indicates that data are not reported for the student because no data were available or that the data does not apply at that grade level. If the **NA** indicator appears, this generally means that no prior year data were available for the student or that the student’s record for 2003 was not matched to the student’s record for 2001 and/or 2002. NA will appear in the “Percent Passing” column for grades 3-9.

An asterisk (*) indicates that no data are reported because fewer than ten students were tested.

READING & MATHEMATICS *SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS* STUDENT REPORT

The Reading & Mathematics *Sunshine State Standards* Student Report provides the student's results for the 2003 FCAT and describes the student's achievement based on grade-level expectations. The Reading results are printed on the top half of the report and the Mathematics results are printed on the bottom half of the report.

A Student, school, and district identification is found here.


B The **Reading or Mathematics Comment** is printed in this section. The statement will provide information based on the student's achievement level for 2003. For students taking the Grade 10 test the comment will also congratulate the student if they passed the test. This area may also direct students to contact their teachers for guidance on improving achievement.

C The **Reading or Mathematics Content Scores** are provided in this section of the report. These are the actual number of points earned. The "Points Earned" in 2003 can be compared to the "Points Possible" in 2003 to help determine the amount of success the student has demonstrated in each content area. The titles of the content subcategories (clusters or strands) are the same across all grade levels; however, the actual content varies by grade level based on the benchmarks at each grade. Pages 27–30 of this booklet describe the content assessed on the Reading and Mathematics SSS portions of the FCAT.

D This area of the report provides scores and grade tested for 2003 and, if available, 2001 and 2002. The **FCAT Score (Developmental Scale Score)** is used to determine a student's annual progress from grade to grade. Developmental scores range from 86 to 3008. FCAT Scores are equated to the base year so scores from year to year can be compared. For example, for Grade 10 Reading and Mathematics, the base year is 1998. Equating means that even though a grade-level test may contain different questions each year, students who perform at the same skill level in different years will earn the same FCAT Score. The student's achievement level is also provided.

E The shaded bars on the **FCAT Score** chart display the student's current FCAT Score as well as the FCAT Scores for the two previous years, if those scores for the student are available. The white bars on the FCAT Score chart provide the on-grade level expectations.

The footer describes the range within which a student's FCAT Score would likely fall if the student took the test again without additional instruction. Students who receive additional instruction would likely improve their scores.



Spring 2003
Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)
SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS
Grade 10 Student Report

Student Name:
CORY W. CASEY
Student Number:
112883427X
School Name and Number:
9999 - SUNSHINE HIGH SCHOOL
District Name and Number:
99 - SUNSHINE

A

The Florida Department of Education believes that every student has the ability to learn and succeed. The purpose of the FCAT is to ensure that Florida's public schools are providing the best education possible, and preparing students to succeed in the competitive 21st Century job market.

Working with teachers, the State has developed a measurement system that allows you to track a student's academic achievement from year to year and determine if a year's worth of learning has occurred in a year's time. This system also allows you to compare a student's score to a score that represents "grade level" achievement. If a student's score is above the "grade level" score, then they are performing at a level above their current grade. If it is below, they are in need of improvement. Using the "Content Scores," you are able to identify any specific academic skills needing improvement.

Below you will find your 2003 FCAT Reading and Mathematics scores, as well as your scores from previous years. The chart on the right side of the page shows your score compared to the score that represents "grade level" achievement.

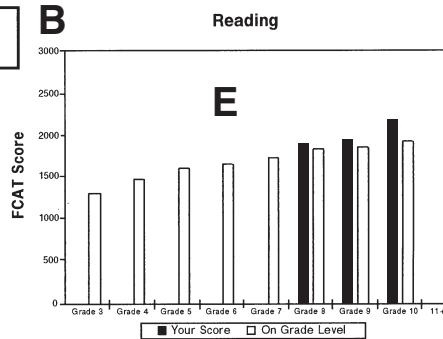
Congratulations! You have passed the Reading test and your score is above grade level. You have answered most of the questions on FCAT correctly.

Content Areas	Points Possible	Points Earned
Words/Phrases	9	8
Main Idea/Purpose	14	12
Comparisons	13	10
Reference/Research	16	14

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Year	2001	2002	2003
Grade Tested	8	9	10
Achievement Level	3	3	4
FCAT Score *	1925	1993	2221

B Reading



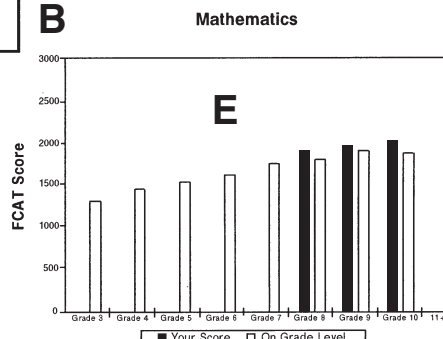
Congratulations! You have passed the Mathematics test and your score is above grade level. You have answered most of the questions on FCAT correctly.

Content Areas	Points Possible	Points Earned
Number Sense	11	9
Measurement	10	7
Geometry	14	12
Algebraic Thinking	14	11
Data Analysis	11	10

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Year	2001	2002	2003
Grade Tested	8	9	10
Achievement Level	3	3	4
FCAT Score *	1995	1992	2087


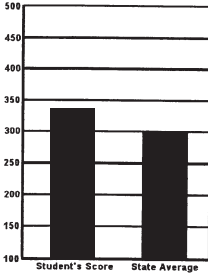
B Mathematics



* These scores show your achievement on the day you were tested. If you had taken this test numerous times, it is likely that all of your scores would have been within a certain range. Your 2003 FCAT SSS Reading scores probably would have been between 2124 and 2318. Your 2003 FCAT Mathematics scores probably would have been between 2025 and 2089.

NT = Not Tested NR = Not Reported NA = Data Not Available

SCIENCE *SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS* STUDENT REPORT

 <small>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test</small>	<p>Spring 2003 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Sunshine State Standards Grade 10 Student Report</p>	<p>A</p> <p><small>Student Name CORY W. CASEY Student Number 112883427X School Name and Number 9999 - SUNSHINE HIGH SCHOOL District Name and Number 99 - SUNSHINE</small></p>																																		
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- B** The **Science Score** appears in this area. The state comparison in thirds is printed here. A checkmark will indicate whether the student's score fell in the lowest third, middle third, or highest third of scores across the state. The graph displays the student's score and compares it with the average score for the state.

- C** The **Science Content Scores** appear in this area. These are the actual number of points earned. The "Points Earned" can be compared to the "Points Possible" to help determine the amount of success the student has demonstrated in each of the four content subcategories (clusters). The state comparison in thirds is provided. A checkmark will indicate whether the student's points earned fell in the lowest third, middle third, or highest third of scores across the state. The titles of the content subcategories (clusters) are the same across Grades 5, 8, and 10; however, the actual content varies by grade level based on the benchmarks at each grade. The content assessed on the Science SSS test is described on pages 31 and 32 of this booklet.

The footer describes the range within which a student's FCAT Score would likely fall if the student took the test again without additional instruction. Students who receive additional instruction would likely improve their scores.

WRITING STUDENT REPORT



FCAT WRITING
STUDENT REPORT
2003
Grade 10
WRITING TO EXPLAIN

A

Student Name: CASEY, CORY W.
Student I.D. No.: 112883427X
School: SUNSHINE HIGH SCHOOL
District: SUNSHINE

B

SCORE: 4.5

C

How Papers Are Scored

The student responses are scored by trained readers using the holistic method to evaluate a piece of writing for its overall quality. The readers consider four elements: focus, organization, support, and conventions. In this type of scoring, readers make a judgment about the entire response and do not focus on any one aspect of the writing.

Focus refers to how clearly the paper presents and maintains a clear main idea, theme, or unifying point. Papers representing the higher end of the point scale demonstrate a consistent awareness of the topic and do not contain extraneous information.

Organization refers to the structure or plan of development (beginning, middle, and end) and whether the points are logically related to one another. Organization also refers to (1) the use of transitional devices to relate the supporting ideas to the main idea, theme, or unifying point and (2) the evidence of a connection between sentences. Papers representing the higher end of the point scale use transitions to signal the plan or text structure and end with a summary or concluding statements.

Support refers to the quality of the details used to explain, clarify, or define. The quality of the support depends on word choice, specificity, depth, and thoroughness. Papers representing the higher end of the point scale provide examples and illustrations in which the relationship between the supporting ideas and the topic is clear.

Conventions refers to punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and variation in sentence structure used in the paper. The conventions are basic writing skills included in Florida's *Sunshine State Standards*. Papers representing the higher end of the point scale follow, with few exceptions, the conventions of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling and use a variety of sentence structures to present ideas.

D

Dear Student:

The paper you wrote in February as part of the FCAT has been read independently by two people trained to score this test. Each reader judged the paper against a set of standards and gave it an overall score. Your score is the average of the two readers' scores.

This writing score will help you, your parents or guardians, and your teachers understand how well you performed on this statewide writing test. A description of how papers are scored is printed on the left side of this report. A description of each possible score is printed on the back of this report.

Remember, you were given 45 minutes to read the assigned topic, plan what to write, and then write your response. The conditions under which you write papers in class or at home may not be the same as those for this test; therefore, the writing may not be the same. You and your teachers should consider the score on this test along with all of your other writing when planning activities to continue developing your writing skills.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOPIC:

Students were asked to explain why a particular course in school might be useful in the future.


RUN DATE: 4/01/03

99-9999

- A** Student, school, and district identification is found here. This area also indicates the type of writing assignment given to the student. Grade 4: Writing to Explain (Expository) or Writing to Tell a Story (Narrative). Grades 8 and 10: Writing to Explain (Expository) or Writing to Convince (Persuasive).
- B** The student's score is printed in this box. The highest score is a 6. Student essays are scored using a holistic scoring rubric. Two trained readers independently score each essay. The score reported is the average of both readers' scores.
- C** Four elements of writing (focus, organization, support, and conventions) are evaluated using the holistic rubric. The rubric for each grade level is found on the back of the student report, and is included on page 19 of this booklet. The SSS content assessed by FCAT Writing is described on page 33 of this booklet.
- D** This section of the report is addressed to either the Grade 8 or 10 student, or to the parents or guardians of Grade 4 students. The text provides a reminder of how the final score was determined, how the essay was scored, the circumstances under which the essay was written, and how the score should be interpreted. The box at the bottom of Section D describes the topic to which the student was asked to respond.

For more information about FCAT Writing, see *Florida Writes! Report on the 2003 Assessment* (individual booklets for Grade 4, Grade 8, and Grade 10).

NORM-REFERENCED TEST STUDENT REPORT

	<p>Spring 2003 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) NORM-REFERENCED TEST Grade 10 Student Report</p>	<p>Student Name CORY W. CASEY Student Number 112883427X School Name and Number 9999 - SUNSHINE HIGH SCHOOL District Name and Number 99 - SUNSHINE</p>	
A	<p>This report shows your results from the FCAT National Norm-Referenced Test.</p> <p>The FCAT Norm-Referenced Test measures your achievement on a test that was given to a national sample of students. Your norm-referenced scores in Reading Comprehension and in Mathematics Problem Solving describe your performance in relation to the performance of students throughout the nation. Your scores are shown below.</p>		
B	<p>SUBJECT SCORES</p>		
	Scale Score	National Percentile Rank	Stanine
	727	74	6
	750	92	8
	<p>The Scale Score expresses your performance on the test and allows for comparisons from year to year. Reading Comprehension scale scores range from 527 to 817. Mathematics scale scores range from 568 to 873.</p> <p>The National Percentile Rank and Stanine indicate your relative standing in comparison to the national reference group. National Percentile Ranks range from 1 to 99. Stanines range from 1 to 9.</p> <p>If you took the test again, your National Percentile Rank might be slightly higher or lower than stated here. However, your National Percentile Rank would probably fall within a certain range. For Reading Comprehension your National Percentile Rank should be between 68 and 80. For Mathematics Problem Solving your National Percentile Rank should be between 86 and 98.</p>		
C	<p>CONTENT SCORES</p>		
	Number of Questions on Test	Number of Correct Responses	Number of Questions Attempted
	Reading Comprehension		
	8	8	8
	22	18	22
	9	7	9
	12	10	12
	Mathematics Problem Solving		
	6	3	6
	6	6	6
	6	6	6
	5	4	5
	5	4	5
	7	6	7
	4	3	4
	3	1	3
	3	2	3
	3	2	3

- A** Student, school, and district identification is found here.
- B** This area shows the student's norm-referenced test (NRT) scores in several different ways for each subject area tested. **Scale Scores** are used to report student scores so that the scores reported from year to year can be compared. Scale scores can be used to interpret trends in student performance. The **National Percentile Rank** (NPR) score indicates the percent of all students in the national sample who scored equal to or below the student's score. **Stanine** scores divide the distribution of scores into nine equal parts and are not as variable as percentile ranks. Stanines in the range of 4–6 are considered average scores.
- C** The **Content Scores** shown in this area are the actual number of points a student earned. The "Number of Correct Responses" can be compared to the "Number of Questions on Test" to determine the amount of success a student has demonstrated in each area. The content subcategories vary from grade to grade. Page 34 of this booklet describes the content assessed on the NRT portion of the FCAT. When the "Number of Questions Attempted" is less than the "Number of Questions on Test," the student did not provide an answer to every question in that content subcategory.

PERFORMANCE TASKS STUDENT REPORT



Spring 2003
FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) 2003
READING SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS PERFORMANCE TASKS
 Student Report
 Grade 10

This report provides your results on the FCAT 2003 Reading performance tasks. Each performance task on FCAT requires you to respond with either a short response or a longer, more detailed response. Short-response tasks are scored on a 2-point rubric and extended-response tasks are scored on a 4-point rubric.

One of the short-response tasks is shown below with a copy of your answer. The number of points you earned for your answer is shown in the box to the right.

This task required you to read a passage about an American zoologist's attempts to rehabilitate two young gorillas in Africa.

B Describe how Coco and Pucker change as a result of their experience with Dian Fossey. Use details and information from the story to explain your answer.

FCAT 2003
 READING PERFORMANCE TASKS

A

Student Name **CORY W. CASEY**
 Student Number **112883426X**
 School Name **SUNSHINE HIGH SCHOOL**
 School Number **9999**
 District Number **99**
 District Name **SUNSHINE**

C

	This Performance Task Response	All Reading Performance Task Responses
Points Possible	2	12
Points Earned	2	8

D

(An image of the student's response will appear on the lower half of the report.)

Separate FCAT performance task reports are provided for reading and mathematics, as appropriate, by grade level. This booklet contains a sample of the *Reading Sunshine State Standards Performance Tasks Student Report*. The *Mathematics Sunshine State Standards Performance Tasks Student Report* is organized in an identical manner.

- A** Student, school, and district identification is found here.
- B** Section B of the report describes the types of tasks included on the test. Section B also describes one of the tasks to which the student responded. For Reading, Section B provides a summary of the passage the student read and the exact wording of the question. For Mathematics, an image of the question is provided.
- C** Section C includes the student's scores on the performance tasks. The second column shows the number of points earned and the number of points possible for the response shown in the lower section of the report (Section D). The third column shows the total points earned and total points possible on all of the performance tasks included in the test. The total "Points Earned" by a student can be compared to the "Points Possible" to determine the amount of success a student has demonstrated on the performance tasks.
- D** The bottom half of this report displays a copy of the student's actual response to this question. Student answer documents are scanned using imaging technology so that the responses can be scored and this report can be prepared. On rare occasions, student responses are transcribed so that they can be scanned and converted to images. Therefore, if the writing doesn't appear to be that of the student, it is likely that it has been transcribed. Correct answers to the performance tasks displayed on the student reports and the holistic rubrics used to evaluate student work are found on pages 12-13 (Reading) and pages 14-17 (Mathematics).

READING PERFORMANCE TASKS AND EXAMPLES OF TOP-SCORE RESPONSES

For additional information about the following FCAT Reading performance tasks, see *Florida Reads! Report on the 2003 Released Items*.

GRADE 4 READING SHORT-RESPONSE TASK

Task



How does the legend make it clear that the Great Dog is DIFFERENT from other dogs? Use details and information from the passage to support your answer.

Example of a Top-Score Response

The Great Dog is different from other dogs because his paw prints are huge, and they show that the Great Dog is taller than a man and larger than a buffalo. The Great Dog also comes out of the sky and runs back into the sky creating the Milky Way with the cornmeal he has taken. This shows how he is a special dog.

GRADE 8 READING SHORT-RESPONSE TASK

Task



Some scientists believe there once may have been life on Mars. What information have these scientists gathered so far to support their theory? Use details and information from the article to support your answer.

Example of a Top-Score Response

Scientists who think there was once life on Mars point to evidence found in a meteorite from Antarctica. This meteorite contains minerals that might have been produced by germs on Mars. These scientists also note Pathfinder's discovery that water once flowed on Mars. In addition, they suspect that Mars was warm enough to support life in the past.

GRADE 10 READING SHORT-RESPONSE TASK

Task



Describe how Coco and Pucker change as a result of their experience with Dian Fossey. Use details and information from the story to explain your answer.

Example of a Top-Score Response

When Coco and Pucker arrive at Fossey's camp, they are frail and afraid of humans. Fossey describes Coco as "near death," and Pucker as "full of inhibitions." The major change under Fossey's care is in the gorillas' health. By giving them medication and appropriate food around the clock, Fossey restores the young gorillas' health. Coco and Pucker also learn to trust humans through Fossey's gentle touch and attention to their need for natural surroundings. By the end of their stay with Fossey, the two gorillas are healthy enough to get out into the forest and search for their own food.

FCAT READING HOLISTIC RUBRICS

SHORT-RESPONSE TASKS

- 2 Points:** The response indicates that the student has a complete understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The student has provided a response that is accurate, complete, and fulfills all the requirements of the task. Necessary support and/or examples are included, and the information given is clearly text-based.
- 1 Point:** The response indicates that the student has a partial understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The student has provided a response that includes information that is essentially correct and text-based, but the information is too general or too simplistic. Some of the support and/or examples may be incomplete or omitted.
- 0 Points:** The response is inaccurate, confused, and/or irrelevant, or the student has failed to respond to the task.

EXTENDED-RESPONSE TASKS

- 4 Points:** The response indicates that the student has a thorough understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The student has provided a response that is accurate, complete, and fulfills all the requirements of the task. Necessary support and/or examples are included, and the information given is clearly text-based.
- 3 Points:** The response indicates that the student has an understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The student has provided a response that is accurate and fulfills all the requirements of the task, but the required support and/or details are not complete or clearly text-based.
- 2 Points:** The response indicates that the student has a partial understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The student has provided a response that includes information that is essentially correct and text-based, but the information is too general or too simplistic. Some of the support and/or examples and requirements of the task may be incomplete or omitted.
- 1 Point:** The response indicates that the student has very limited understanding of the reading concept embodied in the task. The response is incomplete, may exhibit many flaws, and may not address all requirements of the task.
- 0 Points:** The response is inaccurate, confused, and/or irrelevant, or the student has failed to respond to the task.

MATHEMATICS PERFORMANCE TASKS AND EXAMPLES OF CORRECT AND COMPLETE RESPONSES

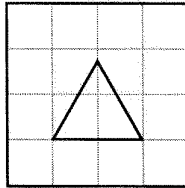
For additional information about the following FCAT Mathematics performance tasks, see *Florida Solves! Report on the 2003 Released Items*.

GRADE 5 MATHEMATICS SHORT-RESPONSE TASK

Task with Correct and Complete Response

THINK
SOLVE
EXPLAIN

Marlon used the \triangle shape shown below to make some new shapes.



He used **two** of the \triangle shapes to make Figure 1.

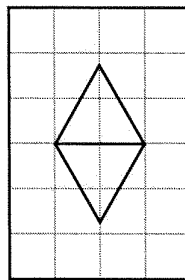


Figure 1

Part A

Marlon used **four** of the \triangle shapes to make **two** of the figures below.
Draw a circle around those two figures.

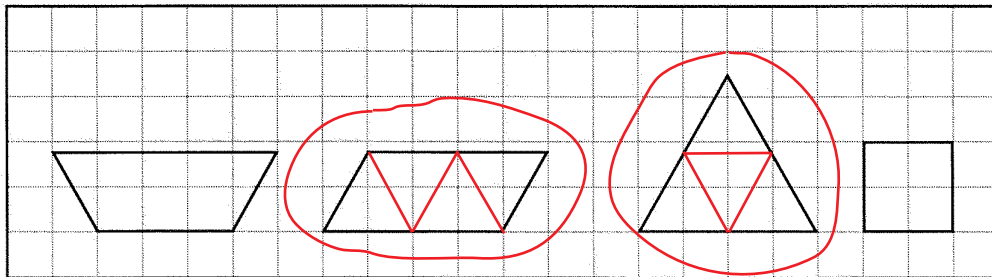


Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

Figure 5

Part B

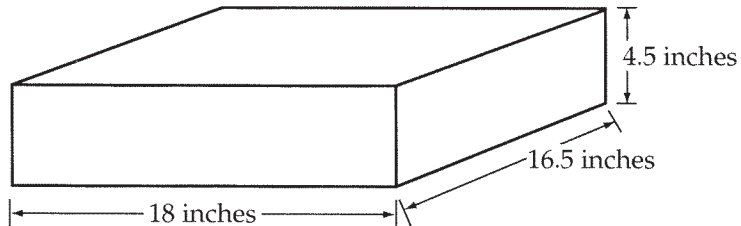
Draw the four congruent \triangle shapes inside both of the circled figures.

GRADE 8 MATHEMATICS SHORT-RESPONSE TASK

Task

The upholsterers at a furniture store are covering a chair. The cushion for the chair is a rectangular solid with dimensions as shown in the diagram below.

THINK
SOLVE
EXPLAIN



What is the surface area, **in square inches**, of the cushion? Show your work or explain in words how to determine the answer.

Work Space

Surface area _____ square inches

Correct and Complete Response

Surface area (S.A.) of a rectangular solid = $2(lw) + 2(hw) + 2(lh)$

$$\text{S.A.} = 2(18 \cdot 16.5) + 2(4.5 \cdot 16.5) + 2(18 \cdot 4.5)$$

$$\text{S.A.} = 2(297) + 2(74.25) + 2(81)$$

$$\text{S.A.} = 594 + 148.5 + 162$$

$$\text{S.A.} = 904.5$$

OR

other valid work

Surface area = 904.5 square inches

GRADE 10 MATHEMATICS SHORT-RESPONSE TASK

Task

THINK
SOLVE
EXPLAIN

The students in the senior class at Paradise Island High School have decided to raise money by selling graphing calculators and geometry tool kits. They have set aside \$3,000 to purchase the items they need to sell. They will spend \$75 for each calculator, and \$20 for each tool kit. From past experience, they know that twice as many students will buy the calculators as will buy the tool kits.

The inequality and equation below can be used to determine the number of each item the senior class should have available to sell, where c is the number of calculators and t is the number of tool kits.

$$75c + 20t \leq 3,000$$

$$c = 2t$$

How many **tool kits** should the senior class purchase? Show your work.

Number of tool kits _____

Correct and Complete Response

$$\begin{aligned} 75(2t) + 20t &\leq 3000 \\ 150t + 20t &\leq 3000 \\ 170t &\leq 3000 \\ t &\leq \frac{3000}{170} \approx 17.65 \end{aligned}$$

OR

other valid work

Number of tool kits = 17

FCAT MATHEMATICS HOLISTIC RUBRICS

SHORT-RESPONSE TASKS

- 2 Points:** A score of two indicates that the student has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the mathematics concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. The student has completed the task correctly, in a mathematically sound manner. When required, a student's explanations and/or interpretations are clear and complete. The response may contain minor flaws that do not detract from the demonstration of a thorough understanding.
- 1 Point:** A score of one indicates that the student has provided a response that is only partially correct. For example, the student may provide a correct solution, but may demonstrate some misunderstanding of the underlying mathematical concepts or procedures. Conversely, a student may provide a computationally incorrect solution but could have applied appropriate and mathematically sound procedure, or the student's explanation could indicate an understanding of the task, despite the error.
- 0 Points:** A score of zero indicates that the student has provided a completely incorrect solution or uninterpretable response, or no response at all.

EXTENDED-RESPONSE TASKS

- 4 Points:** A score of four is a response in which the student demonstrates a thorough understanding of the mathematics concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. The student has responded correctly to the task, used mathematically sound procedures, and provided clear and complete explanations and interpretations. The response may contain minor flaws that do not detract from the demonstration of a thorough understanding.
- 3 Points:** A score of three is a response in which the student demonstrates an understanding of the mathematics concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. The student's response to the task is essentially correct with the mathematical procedure used and the explanations and interpretations provided demonstrate an essential but less than thorough understanding. The response may contain minor errors that reflect inattentive execution of mathematical procedures or indications of some misunderstanding of the underlying mathematics concepts and/or procedures.
- 2 Points:** A score of two indicates that the student has demonstrated only a partial understanding of the mathematics concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. Although the student may have used the correct approach to obtaining a solution or may have provided a correct solution, the student's work lacks the essential understanding of the underlying mathematical concept. The response contains errors related to misunderstanding important aspects of the task, misuse of mathematical procedures, or faulty interpretations of results.
- 1 Point:** A score of one indicates that the student has demonstrated a very limited understanding of the mathematics concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. The student's response is incomplete and exhibits many errors. Although the student has addressed some of the conditions of the task, the student reached an inadequate conclusion and/or provided reasoning that is faulty or incomplete. The response exhibits many errors or may be incomplete.
- 0 Points:** A score of zero indicates that the student has provided a completely incorrect solution or uninterpretable response, or no response at all.

FCAT SCIENCE HOLISTIC RUBRICS

SHORT-RESPONSE TASKS

- 2 Points:** A score of two indicates that the student has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the scientific concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. The student has completed the task correctly, in a scientifically sound manner. When required, student explanations and/or interpretations are clear and complete. The response may contain minor flaws that do not detract from the demonstration of a thorough understanding.
- 1 Point:** A score of one indicates that the student has provided a response that is only partially correct. For example, the student may arrive at an acceptable conclusion or provide an adequate interpretation, but may demonstrate some misunderstanding of the underlying scientific concepts and/or procedures. Conversely, a student may arrive at an unacceptable conclusion or provide a faulty interpretation, but could have applied appropriate and scientifically sound concepts and/or procedures.
- 0 Points:** A score of zero indicates that the student has provided a response that demonstrates no understanding of the science embodied in the task. The student explanation may be incorrect, uninterpretable, or contain clear misunderstanding of the underlying scientific concepts and/or procedures.

EXTENDED-RESPONSE TASKS

- 4 Points:** A score of four indicates that the student has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the scientific concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. The student has completed the task correctly, used scientifically sound procedures, and provided clear and complete explanations and interpretations. The response may contain minor flaws that do not detract from a demonstration of a thorough understanding.
- 3 Points:** A score of three indicates that the student has demonstrated an understanding of the scientific concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. The student's response to the task is essentially correct, but the scientific procedures, explanations, and/or interpretations provided are not thorough. The response may contain minor flaws that reflect inattentiveness or indicate some misunderstanding of the underlying scientific concepts and/or procedures.
- 2 Points:** A score of two indicates that the student has demonstrated only a partial understanding of the scientific concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. Although the student may have arrived at an acceptable conclusion or provided an adequate interpretation of the task, the student's work lacks an essential understanding of the underlying scientific concepts and/or procedures. The response may contain errors related to misunderstanding important aspects of the task, misuse of scientific procedures/processes, or faulty interpretations of results.
- 1 Point:** A score of one indicates that the student has demonstrated a very limited understanding of the scientific concepts and/or procedures embodied in the task. The student's response is incomplete and exhibits many flaws. Although the student's response has addressed some of the conditions of the task, the student has reached an inadequate conclusion and/or provided reasoning that is faulty or incomplete. The response exhibits many flaws or may be incomplete.
- 0 Points:** A score of zero indicates that the student has provided a response that demonstrates no understanding of the science embodied in the task. The student explanation may be incorrect, uninterpretable, or contain clear misunderstanding of the underlying scientific concepts and/or procedures.

FCAT WRITING HOLISTIC RUBRICS

DESCRIPTION OF GRADE 4 WRITING SCORES	DESCRIPTION OF GRADE 8 WRITING SCORES	DESCRIPTION OF GRADE 10 WRITING SCORES
<p>6.0: The writing focuses on the topic, is logically organized, and includes ample development of supporting ideas or examples. It demonstrates a mature command of language, including precision in word choice. Sentences vary in structure. Punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are generally correct.</p> <p>5.5: The writing was given a 5 by one reader and a 6 by the other reader.</p> <p>5.0: The writing focuses on the topic with adequate development of supporting ideas or examples. It has an organizational pattern, though lapses may occur. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary in structure. Punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are generally correct.</p> <p>4.5: The writing was given a 4 by one reader and a 5 by the other reader.</p> <p>4.0: The writing focuses on the topic, though it may contain extraneous information. An organizational pattern is evident, but lapses may occur. Some supporting ideas contain specifics and details, but others are not developed. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary somewhat in structure, though many are simple. Punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are usually correct.</p> <p>3.5: The writing was given a 3 by one reader and a 4 by the other reader.</p> <p>3.0: The writing generally focuses on the topic, though it may contain extraneous information. An organizational pattern has been attempted, but lapses may occur. Some of the supporting ideas or examples may not be developed. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary somewhat in structure, though many are simple. Punctuation and capitalization are sometimes incorrect, but most commonly used words are spelled correctly.</p> <p>2.5: The writing was given a 2 by one reader and a 3 by the other reader.</p> <p>2.0: The writing may be slightly related to the topic or offer little relevant information and few supporting ideas or examples. There is little evidence of an organizational pattern. Word choice may be limited or immature. Sentences may be limited to simple constructions. Frequent errors may occur in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.</p> <p>1.5: The writing was given a 1 by one reader and a 2 by the other reader.</p> <p>1.0: The writing may only minimally address the topic because there is little or no development of supporting ideas or examples. No organizational pattern is evident. Ideas are provided through lists, and word choice is limited or immature. Unrelated information may be included. Frequent errors in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling may impede communication.</p> <p>U: The writing is unrelated to the assigned topic or cannot be read.</p>	<p>6.0: The writing focuses on the topic, is logically organized, and includes substantial development of supporting ideas or examples. It demonstrates a mature command of language, including precision in word choice. Sentences vary in structure. Punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are generally correct.</p> <p>5.5: The writing was given a 5 by one reader and a 6 by the other reader.</p> <p>5.0: The writing focuses on the topic with ample development of supporting ideas or examples. It has an organizational pattern, though lapses may occur. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary in structure. Punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are generally correct.</p> <p>4.5: The writing was given a 4 by one reader and a 5 by the other reader.</p> <p>4.0: The writing focuses on the topic, though it may contain extraneous information. An organizational pattern is evident, but lapses may occur. Some supporting ideas contain specifics and details, but others are not developed. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary somewhat in structure, though many are simple. Punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are usually correct.</p> <p>3.5: The writing was given a 3 by one reader and a 4 by the other reader.</p> <p>3.0: The writing generally focuses on the topic, though it may contain extraneous information. An organizational pattern has been attempted, but lapses may occur. Some of the supporting ideas or examples may not be developed. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary somewhat in structure, though many are simple. Punctuation and capitalization are sometimes incorrect, but most commonly used words are spelled correctly.</p> <p>2.5: The writing was given a 2 by one reader and a 3 by the other reader.</p> <p>2.0: The writing may be slightly related to the topic or offer little relevant information and few supporting ideas or examples. There is little evidence of an organizational pattern. Word choice may be limited or immature. Sentences may be limited to simple constructions. Frequent errors may occur in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.</p> <p>1.5: The writing was given a 1 by one reader and a 2 by the other reader.</p> <p>1.0: The writing may only minimally address the topic because there is little or no development of supporting ideas or examples. No organizational pattern is evident. Ideas are provided through lists, and word choice is limited or immature. Unrelated information may be included. Frequent errors in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling may impede communication.</p> <p>U: The writing is unrelated to the assigned topic or cannot be read.</p>	<p>6.0: The writing focuses on the topic, is logically organized, and includes substantial development of supporting ideas or examples. It demonstrates a mature command of language with freshness of expression. Sentences vary in structure. There are few, if any, usage, punctuation, or spelling errors.</p> <p>5.5: The writing was given a 5 by one reader and a 6 by the other reader.</p> <p>5.0: The writing focuses on the topic, is logically organized, and includes ample development of supporting ideas or examples. It demonstrates a mature command of language. Sentences vary in structure. Usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally correct.</p> <p>4.5: The writing was given a 4 by one reader and a 5 by the other reader.</p> <p>4.0: The writing focuses on the topic, though it may contain loosely related information. An organizational pattern is apparent. Some of the supporting ideas contain specifics and details, but others do not. Word choice is adequate. Sentences vary in structure. Usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally correct.</p> <p>3.5: The writing was given a 3 by one reader and a 4 by the other reader.</p> <p>3.0: The writing generally focuses on the topic, though it may contain loosely related information. An organizational pattern is demonstrated. Development of the supporting ideas may be uneven. Word choice is adequate. There is some variation in sentence structure. Usage, punctuation, and spelling are generally correct.</p> <p>2.5: The writing was given a 2 by one reader and a 3 by the other reader.</p> <p>2.0: The writing addresses the topic, though it may lose focus by including extraneous information. An organizational pattern is demonstrated. Development of the supporting ideas may be nonspecific. Word choice may be limited. Frequent errors may occur in sentence construction, usage, punctuation, and spelling.</p> <p>1.5: The writing was given a 1 by one reader and a 2 by the other reader.</p> <p>1.0: The writing addresses the topic, though it may lose focus by including extraneous and loosely related ideas. The organizational pattern is weak. Ideas are presented through lists and limited or inappropriate word choice. Frequent errors may occur in sentence construction, usage, punctuation, and spelling.</p> <p>U: The writing is unrelated to the assigned topic or cannot be read.</p>

SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS REPORTS OF RESULTS READING, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE

FCAT <small>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test</small>		Spring 2003 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS District Report of Schools Grade 10											A District Name and Number 99 - SUNSHINE				
B READING													C				
Total Test Scores													Results for Students Matched to Previous Year				
Number of Students	Mean Developmental Scale Score (0 - 3000)	Mean Scale Score (100 - 500)	Percent in Each Achievement Level					Mean Points Earned by Content Area					Percent Matched To 2002	Mean Developmental Scale Score (2003)	Mean Developmental Scale Score (2002)	Mean DSS Change for Matched Students (2003 - 2002)	
			Percent Passing	1	2	3	4	5	Words / Phrases	Main Idea / Purpose	Comparisons	Reference / Research					
Number of Points Possible																	
SUNSHINE HIGH SCHOOL	119	1905	293	55	44	21	19	7	10	5	9	7	11	71	1920	1789	131
GREENFIELD HIGH	219	1959	305	64	33	31	20	8	9	6	9	7	10	68	1961	1807	154
SUMMARY																	
District	338	1940	301	57	38	26	20	8	10	6	9	7	10	69	1936	1786	150
State	145268	1938	297	56	29	35	24	7	6	6	8	7	10	74	1925	1790	135

The report format shown above is used for several different FCAT *Sunshine State Standards* Reading, Mathematics, and Science reports. The sample report is the *Grade 10 Reading SSS District Report of Schools*. Similar formats are used for each subject area and grade level. The reports listed below are formatted similarly.

- *School Report of Students*
- *District Report of Schools* (shown)
- *State Report of Districts*
- *District Report of Scores*
- *State Report of Scores*

- A** The title of the report is printed here. It identifies the content of the report and the grade level of the data included in the report. The name and number of the school or district are also printed here.
- B** Section B contains column headings that describe the scores included on the report. The number of students appears in the first column of all reports except the *School Report of Students*. *Reading and Mathematics Reports of Results* have columns describing Developmental Scale Scores (DSS) and scale scores. *Science Reports of Results* do not contain any DSS data. The “Passing” or “Percent Passing” columns only appear on the *Reading and Mathematics Reports of Results* for Grades 10–Adult. The *School Report of Students* indicates with a “Y” (yes) or an “N” (no) whether or not the student earned a passing score, and the remaining reports indicate the percent of students who earned a passing score in that subject. Achievement level data are also reported in Section B. The *School Report of Students* indicates with a check mark the student’s achievement level, and the remaining reports indicate the percentage of students who scored within each achievement level. Because achievement levels have not been set for the Science SSS test, this data will not be reported on the *Science Reports of Results*. The remaining columns in Section B report the points earned (as on the *School Report of Students*) or mean points earned by content subcategory.
- C** Section C provides information on the “Results for Students Matched to Previous Year.” This section does not appear on the *Science Reports of Results* because there is no prior year’s data match for FCAT Science. The *School Report of Students* indicates with a check mark whether or not the student was matched to previous year’s results for that subject. For the *School Report of Students*, the final columns indicate the previous year’s achievement level and DSS and the DSS change. The remaining reports display the percent matched and the mean DSS for both the current and previous years and the “Mean DSS Change.”
- D** The first row of information shown in Section D is the “Number of Points Possible,” which varies by subject and grade level. The other information found in Section D varies depending on the report. The *School Report of Students* lists scores by student, the *District Report of Schools* displays scores by school, and the *State Report of Districts* provides scores by district. The *State Report of Scores* and *District Report of Scores* display state-level scores and district-level scores, respectively, separated by student grade level.
- E** Section E contains school, district, and state summary data. Summary data are printed at the bottom of the last page of the report.

NORM-REFERENCED TEST REPORTS OF RESULTS READING AND MATHEMATICS

FCAT <small>Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test</small>		Spring 2003 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) NORM-REFERENCED TEST District Report of Schools Grade 10												A District Name and Number 99 - SUNSHINE					
B READING							C MATHEMATICS												
Total Test Scores			Mean Points Earned by Content				Total Test Scores			Mean Points Earned by Content									
Number of Students	Mean Scale Score	Median NPR	Initial Understanding	Interpretation	Critical Analysis	Strategies	Number of Students	Mean Scale Score	Median NPR	Problem Solving	Algebra	Statistics	Probability	Functions	Geometry-Synthetic	Geometry-Algebraic	Trigonometry	Discrete Math	Precalculus
Number of Points Possible			8	22	9	12				6	6	6	5	5	7	4	3	3	3
SUNSHINE HIGH SCHOOL	115	712	61	6	19	7	10	112	716	69	2	3	5	2	3	5	3	2	1
GREENFIELD HIGH	207	707	55	7	17	6	9	204	717	69	2	3	3	3	2	5	2	2	2
D																			
E																			
SUMMARY																			
District	322	698	47	7	18	6	9	316	735	82	2	3	4	3	3	5	3	2	2
State	142812	708	57	6	17	6	8	142905	719	72	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	2

The report format shown above is used for several different FCAT Norm-Referenced Test Reading and Mathematics reports. The sample report is the *Grade 10 District Report of Schools*, but a similar format is used for Grades 3–9. Grades 11–Adult students will not be reported on the *Norm-Referenced Test Reports of Results* because they do not take the Reading or Mathematics NRT tests. The reports listed below are formatted similarly.

- *School Report of Students*
- *District Report of Schools* (shown)
- *State Report of Districts*
- *District Report of Scores*
- *State Report of Scores*

A The title of the report is printed here. It identifies the content of the report and the grade level of the data included in the report. The name and number of the school or district are also printed here.

B & C Sections B (Reading) and C (Mathematics) contain column headings that describe the scores included on the report. The number of students appears in the first column of all reports except the *School Report of Students*. The *School Report of Students* displays the student’s scale score, NPR, and total points earned by content subcategory. The remaining reports provide the mean scale score, median NPR, and the mean points earned by content subcategory.

D The first row of information shown in Section D is the “Number of Points Possible,” which varies by subject and grade level. The other information found in Section D varies depending on the report. The *School Report of Students* lists scores by student, the *District Report of Schools* displays scores by school, and the *State Report of Districts* provides scores by district. The *District Report of Scores* displays district-level scores separated by student grade level. The *State Report of Scores* displays state-level scores separated by student grade level. The “Number of Points Possible” line is printed before the data for the appropriate grade level on the *District Report of Scores* and the *State Report of Scores*.

E Section E contains school, district, and state summary data. Summary data are printed at the bottom of the last page of the report.

REPORTS OF RESULTS—WRITING



**FCAT WRITING
2003 DISTRICT RESULTS
GRADE 10**

A

District Code: 99
District: Sunshine

Number of participating schools in district: 3

B How Papers Are Scored

The student responses are scored by trained readers using the holistic method to evaluate a piece of writing for its overall quality. The readers consider four elements: focus, organization, support, and conventions. In this type of scoring, readers make a judgment about the entire response and do not focus on any one aspect of the writing.

Focus refers to how clearly the paper presents and maintains a clear main idea, theme, or unifying point. Papers representing the higher end of the point scale demonstrate a consistent awareness of the topic and do not contain extraneous information.

Organization refers to the structure or plan of development (beginning, middle, and end) and whether the points are logically related to one another. Organization also refers to (1) the use of transitional devices to relate the supporting ideas to the main idea, theme, or unifying point and (2) the evidence of a connection between sentences. Papers representing the higher end of the point scale use transitions to signal the plan or text structure and end with summary or concluding statements.

Support refers to the quality of the details used to explain, clarify, or define. The quality of the support depends on word choice, specificity, depth, and thoroughness. Papers representing the higher end of the point scale provide examples and illustrations in which the relationship between the supporting ideas and the topic is clear.

Conventions refers to punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and variation in sentence structure used in the paper. The conventions are basic writing skills included in Florida's Sunshine State Standards. Papers representing the higher end of the point scale follow, with few exceptions, the conventions of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling and use a variety of sentence structures to present ideas.

Number and Percentage of Students Receiving Each Score*

Score	Writing to Explain		Writing to Convince	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
6.0	15	2%	32	3%
5.5	46	5%	47	5%
5.0	138	14%	133	13%
4.5	163	16%	110	11%
4.0	380	38%	336	34%
3.5	106	11%	104	11%
3.0	109	11%	136	14%
2.5	15	2%	28	3%
2.0		%	48	5%
1.5	5	1%	4	< 0.5%
1.0	4	< 0.5%	7	1%
Response Not Related to the Assigned Topic:				
	0	< 0.5%	1	< 0.5%
Response Could Not Be Read:				
	1	< 0.5%	1	< 0.5%

Number Tested on Each Type of Writing:

990

987

Average Score for Each Type of Writing:

4.1

4.0

Number Tested on Both Types of Writing:

1977

Average Score for Both Types of Writing:

4.0

Run Date: 4/01/03

** No data are reported when less than ten students were tested.

* Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. If the percentage is less than 0.5%, it is written as <0.5%.

The report format shown above is used for the three reports of writing results listed below. Each of the reports is provided for all three grades tested (Grades 4, 8, and 10).

- *FCAT Writing School Results*
- *FCAT Writing District Results* (shown)
- *FCAT Writing State Results*

- A** The title of the report found in Section A identifies the grade and content of the report, i.e., school, district, or state. The name and number of the school or district are also printed in Section A, as is the number of schools (or districts) included in the summary.
- B** The four elements of writing being assessed (focus, organization, support, and conventions) are described in this section. The holistic rubric for each grade level (see page 19) is found on the back of the writing school, district, and state summary reports described on this page.
- C** Section C contains the distribution and mean scores for each prompt and the combined mean. The data include the number and percent of students writing to each prompt for each of the possible score points. Two trained readers score each paper using the FCAT Writing holistic rubric. Although only whole number scores (1–6) are assigned, scores from two readers are averaged and half points can occur. For example, when a paper receives scores of 3 and 4, the final score is 3.5. Very few papers (less than one percent) are identified in the two unscorable categories shown on this report.

Report Not Shown

The *Writing School Listing of Achievement* report is not shown in this booklet. This report is an alphabetical list of students tested and the scores they received. It is presented in a two-column format. The students given one prompt are listed in one of the columns and the students given the other prompt are listed in the other column.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL MEANS—WRITING

2003 FCAT WRITING ASSESSMENT																		
A DISTRICT REPORT OF SCHOOL MEANS AND SCORE POINT DISTRIBUTIONS																		
99 - SUNSHINE																		
ALL CURRICULUM GROUPS																		
	Number of Students	Mean Score	B	PERCENT AND NUMBER EARNING EACH SCORE POINT												PERCENT AND NUMBER UNSCORABLE		
				1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	OFF TOPIC	ILLEGIBLE	TOTAL UNSCORABLE	
9989																		
SUNSHINE SCHOOL																		
EXPOSITORY	19	3.9	PERCENT	0	0	0	5	11	21	32	26	0	0	5	0	0	0	
			NUMBER	0	0	0	1	2	4	6	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	
PERSUASIVE	22	3.9	PERCENT	0	0	0	0	18	32	14	27	9	0	0	0	0	0	
			NUMBER	0	0	0	0	4	7	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	
COMBINED	41	3.9	PERCENT	0	0	0	2	15	27	22	27	5	0	2	0	0	0	
			NUMBER	0	0	0	1	6	11	9	11	2	1	1	0	0	0	
9988																		
GREENFIELD HIGH																		
EXPOSITORY	52	4.1	PERCENT	2	0	0	0	15	12	27	21	17	4	2	0	0	0	
			NUMBER	1	0	0	0	8	6	14	11	9	2	1	0	0	0	
PERSUASIVE	56	3.9	PERCENT	0	0	5	5	9	23	30	9	14	2	2	0	0	0	
			NUMBER	0	0	3	3	5	13	17	5	8	1	1	0	0	0	
COMBINED	108	4.0	PERCENT	1	0	3	3	12	10	29	15	16	3	2	0	0	0	
			NUMBER	1	0	3	3	13	19	31	16	17	3	2	0	0	0	
STATE																		
EXPOSITORY	72,150	3.9	PERCENT	2	1	4	4	13	10	26	13	16	5	4	0	0	0	
			NUMBER	1600	772	3196	2668	9663	7061	19029	9279	11713	3490	3087	35	261	296	
PERSUASIVE	73,121	3.8	PERCENT	2	1	6	5	15	12	24	12	15	3	3	0	0	1	
			NUMBER	1466	988	4084	3633	11307	8864	17817	9049	10656	2497	1942	89	320	409	
COMBINED	145,271	3.9	PERCENT	2	1	5	4	14	11	25	13	15	4	3	0	0	0	
			NUMBER	3066	1760	7280	6301	20970	15925	36846	18328	22369	5987	5029	124	581	705	

The report format shown above is used for the two writing results reports listed below. Both of the reports are provided for all three grades tested (Grades 4, 8, and 10).

- *District Report of School Means and Score Point Distributions* (shown)
- *State Report of District Means and Score Point Distributions*

- A** The title of the report found in Section A identifies the content of the report and the grade level of the data included in the report. The name and number of the school district are also printed in Section A on the *District Report of School Means and Score Point Distributions*.
- B** Section B contains column headings that show the scores included in the report. The score point distribution is based on the final score for each student. Two trained readers score each paper using the Writing holistic rubric. Although only whole number scores (1 through 6) are assigned, scores from two readers are averaged and half points can occur. For example, when a paper receives scores of 3 and 4, the final score is 3.5. Very few papers (less than one percent) are identified in the two unscorable categories shown on this report.
- C** The column labeled C contains the list of schools (or districts) included in the report. On the last page of the *District Report of School Means and Score Point Distributions*, district and state summary data are included. In addition to the types of prompts used at the grade level, a summary for both prompts combined is also given. This is the only report that gives a summary of the point distribution for both prompts combined.
- D** Section D contains the reported data: the percent and number of students in each category. For example, at Sunshine School there were 11 students (27%) who received a score of 4.5. Five of these 11 students wrote expository papers and six wrote persuasive papers. Overall there were 41 students tested and about half responded to each prompt (19 for expository and 22 for persuasive). The mean scores for each mode of writing were identical at this school.

SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS DEMOGRAPHIC REPORTS READING, MATHEMATICS, AND SCIENCE

	Spring 2003 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) A SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS District Demographic Report Grade 10																		District Name and Number 99 - SUNSHINE																	
	B READING											C MATHEMATICS																								
	Total Test Scores											Total Test Scores																								
	Number of Students	Mean Developmental Scale Score (0-3000)	Mean Scale Score (0-500)	Percent Passing	Percent in Each Achievement Level					Mean Points Earned	Words/Phrases	Main Idea/Purpose	Comparisons	Reference/Research	Number of Students	Mean Developmental Scale Score (0-3000)	Mean Scale Score (0-500)	Percent Passing	Percent in Each Achievement Level					Mean Points Earned	Number Sense Measurement	Geometry	Algebraic Thinking	Data Analysis								
					1	2	3	4	5										1	2	3	4	5													
Number of Points Possible																		9	14	13	16	11	20	34	32	7	13	19	31	27	10	7	6	7	8	6
RACIAL/ETHNIC/GENDER																			D																	
White	106	2015	316	67	19	34	27	10	10	7	10	8	10	111	2034	327	80	13			19	31	27	10	7	6	7	8	6							
Black	95	2021	320	63	25	31	23	8	12	8	8	8	11	92	2030	324	79	15			21	30	25	9	7	5	7	8	6							
Hispanic	78	2007	311	66	24	35	23	10	8	6	9	8	10	81	2019	317	71	20			22	26	25	7	6	5	7	8	6							
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	*	*	*	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
SUMMARY																			E																	
District	387	2007	311	64	26	35	23	8	8	6	10	9	9	401	2060	326	78	14			20	27	30	9	7	5	7	8	6							
State	146581	1981	303	59	32	33	21	8	7	6	9	8	8	149311	2021	319	73	19			21	25	27	8	6	5	7	8	6							

The report format shown on this page is used for the FCAT *Sunshine State Standards* Reading, Mathematics, and Science school, district, and state reports of demographic results. The demographic results for Reading and Mathematics appear on one report and the demographic results for Science appear on a separate report. A sample of the *Grade 10 Reading and Mathematics Demographic Report* is shown above. A similar format is used for the Reading and Mathematics reports at Grades 3–9 and 11–Adult and the Science reports at Grades 5, 8, and 10. (The Reading and Mathematics demographic reports for Grades 3–9 and the Science demographic reports do not contain the “Percent Passing” column.)


A The title of the report is printed here. It identifies the content of the report and the grade level of the data included in the report. The name and number of the school or district are also printed here.

B & C Sections B (Reading) and C (Mathematics) contain column headings that describe the scores included on the report. The number of students appears in the first column. The “Percent Passing” column indicates the percentage of students who earned a passing score in that subject. This column appears only on the Reading and Mathematics reports for Grades 10–Adult. The “Mean Developmental Scale Score” is provided in the second column. The “Mean Scale Score” is provided in the third column, followed by the “Mean Points Earned” in each content subcategory. The percent of students who scored in each of the five achievement levels is also reported.

D The first row of information shown in Section D is the “Number of Points Possible” in each content area. The number of points possible may vary by grade level. The other categories listed in Section D are the demographic groups for which FCAT data are disaggregated. The disaggregated data included in these reports are based on information gathered from the FTE survey. Data on the demographic reports are disaggregated for racial/ethnic categories, gender, and other special categories. The Special Categories group includes standard curriculum, limited English proficient (LEP), migrant, Section 504, free or reduced lunch, not free or reduced lunch, total ESE other than gifted, not ESE plus gifted, exceptional student education classifications (ESE), and students not matched to the enrollment file.

E Section E contains school, district, and state summary data.

DEMOGRAPHIC REPORTS—WRITING

		FCAT 2003 WRITING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT GRADE 10 TYPE OF WRITING: EXPOSITORY											A District: 99 SUNSHINE			
	Number of Students	Mean Score	B											PERCENT UNSCORABLE		
			PERCENT EARNING EACH SCORE POINT											OFF TOPIC	BLANK/ILLEGIBLE	TOTAL UNSCORABLE
			1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0			
ETHNIC																
WHITE	508	3.8	3	3	7	16	20	13	18	8	6	3	3	0	1	1
BLACK	357	3.7	3	4	8	17	22	25	13	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
HISPANIC	201	3.8	2	7	8	16	17	17	16	8	4	3	2	0	0	0
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	100	3.6	0	3	7	12	23	19	19	8	6	0	3	0	0	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN	20	3.7	2	1	7	14	20	15	25	10	5	1	2	0	0	0
MULTIRACIAL/ETHNIC	16	3.5	2	4	13	15	18	18	16	7	4	2	1	0	0	0
UNREPORTED RACE/ETHNICITY	5*	3.3	1	2	15	17	20	15	10	7	4	2	1	0	0	0
GENDER																
MALE	560	3.5	3	3	8	17	23	24	12	4	3	1	1	0	0	0
FEMALE	630	3.5	2	2	7	16	27	26	12	3	2	1	1	0	0	0
UNREPORTED GENDER	17	3.4	0	0	18	12	18	24	12	6	6	6	0	0	0	0
D																
TOTAL																
DISTRICT	1207	3.7	1	1	2	2	10	12	35	17	14	4	3			
STATE	71253	4	1	1	3	3	12	12	37	15	13	3	2	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%

The report format shown on this page is used for school, district, and state reports of the FCAT Writing demographic results. Although the report shown is the *Grade 10 District Demographic Report*, a similar format is used for Grades 4 and 8.

- A** The title of the report found in Section A identifies the content of the report and the grade level of the data included in the report. The name and number of the school or district are also printed in Section A.
- B** The score point distribution is based on the final score for each student. Two trained readers score each paper using the FCAT Writing holistic rubric. The score reported is the average of scores from two readers and half points can occur. For example, when a paper receives scores of 3 and 4, the final score is 3.5. Very few papers (less than one percent) are identified in the two unscorable categories shown on this report.
- C** The categories listed in Section C are the demographic groups for which FCAT data are disaggregated. The disaggregated data included in these reports are based on information gathered from the FTE survey. Data on the demographic reports are disaggregated for racial/ethnic categories, gender, and other special categories. The Special Categories group includes standard curriculum, limited English proficient (LEP), migrant, free or reduced lunch, Section 504, not free or reduced lunch, total ESE other than gifted, not ESE plus gifted, exceptional student education (ESE) classifications, and students not matched to the enrollment file.
- D** Section D contains summary data for the district and state.

NORM-REFERENCED TEST DEMOGRAPHIC REPORTS READING AND MATHEMATICS

		B READING						C MATHEMATICS													
		Total Test Scores		Mean Points Earned				Total Test Scores		Mean Points Earned											
		Number of Students	Mean Scale Score	Median NPR	Initial Understanding	Interpretation	Critical Analysis	Strategies	Number of Students	Mean Scale Score	Median NPR	Problem Solving	Algebra	Statistics	Probability	Functions	Geometry-Synthetic	Geometry-Algebraic	Trigonometry	Discrete Math	Precalculus
Number of Points Possible					8	22	9	12				6	6	6	5	5	7	4	3	3	3
RACIAL/ETHNIC/GENDER																					
White		370	712	61	7	17	6	8	370	724	76	2	4	4	3	3	5	3	1	2	2
Black		290	705	54	7	16	6	8	290	716	69	2	4	4	3	3	4	2	1	2	2
Hispanic		359	698	47	6	16	6	7	359	717	69	2	4	4	3	3	4	2	1	1	2
Asian/Pacific Islander		3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SUMMARY																					
District		1269	699	48	6	16	6	8	1314	704	57	2	4	3	2	3	4	2	1	1	1
State		144781	701	50	6	16	6	8	144596	714	67	2	4	4	3	3	4	2	1	1	1

The report format shown on this page is used for the FCAT Reading and Mathematics Norm-Referenced school, district, and state reports of demographic results. A sample of the *Grade 10 Reading and Mathematics NRT District Demographic Report* is shown above. A similar format is used for Grades 3–9. NRT demographic reports for Grades 11–Adult students are not produced because they do not take this portion of the test.

- A** The title of the report is printed here. It identifies the grade level of the data included in the report. The name and number of the school or district are also printed here.
- B & C** Sections B (Reading) and C (Mathematics) contain column headings that describe the scores included on the report. The number of students appears in the first column. The mean scale score is provided, followed by the mean points earned in each content area. The content subcategories vary by grade level. There are three grade-level groupings for the NRT content subcategories; 3–4, 5–8, and 9–10. For a description of the content subcategories for each grade-level grouping, see page 34. The median national percentile rank (NPR) is reported in the final column (instead of the mean) because the arithmetic operations required to obtain the mean are inappropriate with NPR scores.
- D** The first row of information shown in Section D is the number of points possible in each content area. The number of points possible may vary by grade level. The other categories listed in Section D are the demographic groups for which FCAT data are disaggregated. The disaggregated data included in these reports are based on information gathered from the FTE survey. Data on the demographic reports are disaggregated for racial/ethnic categories, gender, and other special categories. The Special Categories group includes standard curriculum, limited English proficient (LEP), migrant, Section 504, free or reduced lunch, not free or reduced lunch, total ESE other than gifted, not ESE plus gifted, exceptional student education (ESE) classifications, and students not matched to the enrollment file.
- E** Section E contains school, district, and state summary data.

CONTENT ASSESSED ON THE FCAT SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS—READING

The *Sunshine State Standards* identify the reading comprehension processes and skills that students are expected to be able to apply and the FCAT Reading test includes a wide variety of written material to assess students' reading comprehension. The FCAT Reading test includes informational and literary reading passages. Informational passages are written to provide readers with factual information. Examples of the types of informational passages used on the FCAT are magazine and newspaper articles, editorials, and biographies. Literary passages are written primarily for readers' enjoyment. Examples of the types of literary passages used on the FCAT are short stories, poems, folk tales, and selections from novels. The *Sunshine State Standards* Reading portions of the FCAT include the following reading comprehension skills and processes.

GRADES 3–5

WORDS AND PHRASES IN CONTEXT

- uses strategies to increase vocabulary through word structure clues (prefixes, suffixes, roots), word relationships (antonyms, synonyms), and words with multiple meanings
- uses context clues to determine word meanings

MAIN IDEA, PLOT, AND PURPOSE

- determines the stated or implied main idea or essential message in a text
- identifies relevant details and facts
- recognizes and arranges events in chronological order
- identifies author's purpose in a text
- recognizes when a text is intended to persuade
- understands plot development and conflict resolution in a story

COMPARISONS AND CAUSE/EFFECT

- recognizes the use of comparison and contrast
- recognizes cause-and-effect relationships
- identifies similarities and differences among characters, settings, and events in various texts

REFERENCE AND RESEARCH

- reads, organizes, and interprets written information for various purposes, such as making a report, conducting an interview, taking a test, or performing a task
- uses maps, charts, photos, or other multiple representations of information for research projects

GRADES 6–8

WORDS AND PHRASES IN CONTEXT

- uses various strategies, including contextual and word structure clues, to analyze words and text
- draws conclusions from a reading text
- recognizes organizational patterns

MAIN IDEA, PLOT, AND PURPOSE

- determines the stated or implied main idea or essential message in a text
- identifies relevant details and facts
- recognizes how an organizational pattern supports the main idea
- identifies and uses the author's purpose and point of view to construct meaning from text
- recognizes persuasive text
- recognizes and understands how literary elements support text (e.g., character and plot development, point of view, tone, setting, and conflicts and resolutions)

COMPARISONS AND CAUSE/EFFECT

- recognizes the use of comparison and contrast
- recognizes cause-and-effect relationships

REFERENCE AND RESEARCH

- locates, organizes, and interprets written information for a variety of purposes
- uses a variety of reference materials to gather information for research projects (e.g., indexes, magazines, newspapers, journals, and card and computer catalogs)
- checks validity and accuracy of research information (i.e., strong versus weak arguments, fact versus opinion, and how authors' personal values influence conclusions)
- synthesizes and separates collected information into useful components

GRADES 9–10**WORDS AND PHRASES IN CONTEXT**

- selects and uses strategies to understand words and text
- makes and confirms inferences from a reading text
- interprets data presentations (e.g., maps, diagrams, graphs, and statistical illustrations)

MAIN IDEA, PLOT, AND PURPOSE

- determines stated or implied main idea
- identifies relevant details
- identifies methods of development
- determines author's purpose and point of view
- identifies devices of persuasion and methods of appeal
- identifies and analyzes complex elements of plot (e.g., setting, tone, major events, and conflicts and resolutions)

COMPARISONS AND CAUSE/EFFECT

- recognizes the use of comparison and contrast
- recognizes cause-and-effect relationships

REFERENCE AND RESEARCH

- locates, gathers, analyzes, and evaluates information for a variety of purposes
- selects and uses appropriate study and research skills and tools according to the type of information being gathered or organized
- analyzes the validity and reliability of primary source information and uses the information appropriately
- synthesizes information from multiple sources to draw conclusions

FCAT READING BENCHMARK CLUSTERS

Clusters are used to summarize and report achievement for FCAT Reading. Related *Sunshine State Standards* benchmarks are grouped into clusters for elementary, middle, and high school levels.

GRADES 3–5

Cluster 1 Words and Phrases in Context	Cluster 2 Main Idea, Plot, and Purpose	Cluster 3 Comparisons and Cause/Effect	Cluster 4 Reference and Research
A.1.2.3 meaning of words in context; word analysis	A.2.2.1 main idea; supporting details; chronological order	A.2.2.7 use of comparison and contrast	A.2.2.8 organization and interpretation of information
	A.2.2.2 author's purpose in a simple text	E.1.2.3 similarities and differences among characters, settings, events	
	E.1.2.2 plot development and conflict resolution	E.2.2.1 cause-and-effect relationships	

GRADES 6–8

Cluster 1 Words and Phrases in Context	Cluster 2 Main Idea, Plot, and Purpose	Cluster 3 Comparisons and Cause/Effect	Cluster 4 Reference and Research
A.1.3.2 words in context; inference; organizational patterns	A.2.3.1 main idea; supporting details; organizational patterns	A.2.2.7 use of comparison and contrast	A.2.3.5 organization, interpretation, and synthesis of information
	A.2.3.2 author's purpose; point of view	E.2.2.1 cause-and-effect relationships	A.2.3.8 validity and accuracy of information
	E.2.3.1 character and plot development, conflict resolution, setting, tone		

GRADES 9–10

Cluster 1 Words and Phrases in Context	Cluster 2 Main Idea, Plot, and Purpose	Cluster 3 Comparisons and Cause/Effect	Cluster 4 Reference and Research
A.1.4.2 words in context; inference; interpretation of data presentations	A.2.4.1 main idea; supporting details; methods of development	A.2.2.7 use of comparison and contrast	A.2.4.4 identification and synthesis of information
	A.2.4.2 author's purpose; point of view	E.2.2.1 cause-and-effect relationships	A.2.4.7 validity and accuracy of information
	E.2.4.1 complex elements of plot, conflict resolution, setting, tone		A.2.4.8 synthesis of information from multiple sources

CONTENT ASSESSED ON THE FCAT SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS—MATHEMATICS

The FCAT Mathematics test assesses the achievement of the *Sunshine State Standards* in mathematics. FCAT Mathematics tests for Grades 3 and 4 include only multiple-choice items. FCAT mathematics tests for Grades 5–10 combine gridded-response items with multiple-choice items. Additionally, Grades 5, 8, and 10 mathematics tests include several performance tasks, scored on 2-point and 4-point rubrics. Approximately the same number of questions is used for each of the five strands in Grades 3 through 8. At Grades 9 and 10, the *Geometry and Spatial Sense* strand and the *Algebraic Thinking* strand have slightly more questions than the other three strands.

The FCAT Mathematics test for all grade levels assesses what students know and are able to do in the broad content strands listed below. The concept difficulty assessed on the FCAT progresses systematically from grade to grade, as does the complexity of the numerals and mathematical operations included at each grade level.

NUMBER SENSE, CONCEPTS, AND OPERATIONS

- identifies operations (+, −, ×, ÷) and the effects of operations
- determines estimates
- knows how numbers are represented and used

MEASUREMENT

- recognizes measurements and units of measurement
- compares, contrasts, and converts measurements

GEOMETRY AND SPATIAL SENSE

- describes, draws, identifies, and analyzes two- and three-dimensional shapes
- visualizes and illustrates changes in shapes
- uses coordinate geometry

ALGEBRAIC THINKING

- describes, analyzes, and generalizes patterns, relations, and functions
- writes and uses expressions, equations, inequalities, graphs, and formulas

DATA ANALYSIS AND PROBABILITY

- analyzes, organizes, and interprets data
- identifies patterns and makes predictions, inferences, and valid conclusions
- uses probability and statistics

CONTENT ASSESSED ON THE FCAT SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS—SCIENCE

The FCAT Science test assesses the achievement of the *Sunshine State Standards* in Science. The FCAT Science test for Grade 5 includes multiple-choice items and tests for Grades 8 and 10 combine multiple-choice items with gridded-response items. Additionally, each grade's test also includes performance tasks, scored on 2-point and 4-point rubrics. At each grade level, the FCAT Science test includes approximately the same number of questions from each of the four clusters.

GRADE 5

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL SCIENCES

- understands that matter can be described, classified, and compared
- traces the flow of energy in a system
- identifies the differences between renewable and non-renewable energy sources
- describes, predicts, and measures the types of motion and effects of forces
- identifies the types of force that act upon an object

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES

- understands that changes in climate, geological activity, and life-forms can be traced and compared
- recognizes that Earth's systems change over time
- identifies the cause of the phases of the moon and seasons
- recognizes the role of Earth in the vast universe

LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

- understands that living things are different but share similar structures
- recognizes that many characteristics of an organism are inherited
- explains the relationship and interconnectedness of all living things to their environment
- understands that plants use carbon dioxide, minerals, and sunlight to produce food (photosynthesis)

SCIENTIFIC THINKING

- uses scientific method and processes to solve problems
- recognizes that most natural events occur in consistent patterns
- understands the interdependence of science, technology, and society

GRADE 8

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL SCIENCES

- recognizes the differences between solids, liquids, and gases
- contrasts physical and chemical changes
- identifies atomic structures
- recognizes properties of waves
- describes how energy flows through a system
- describes, measures, and predicts the types of motion and effects of force

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES

- recognizes that forces within and on Earth result in geologic structures, weather, erosion, and ocean currents
- explains the relationship between the Sun, Moon, and Earth
- understands that activities of humans affect ecosystems
- compares and contrasts characteristics of planets, stars, and satellites

LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

- identifies the structure and function of cells
- compares and contrasts structures and functions of living things
- understands the importance of genetic diversity
- recognizes how living things interact with their environment

SCIENTIFIC THINKING

- uses scientific method and processes to solve problems
- recognizes that most natural events occur in consistent patterns
- understands the interdependence of science, technology, and society

GRADE 10**PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL SCIENCES**

- describes and explains the structure atom and its interactions with other atoms
- recognizes and explains chemical reactions
- describes how energy flows through a system
- describes, measures, and predicts the types of motion and effects of force

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES

- recognizes that forces within and on Earth result in geologic structures, weather, erosion, and ocean currents
- identifies and explains the interconnectedness of Earth's systems
- understands that activities of humans affect ecosystems
- compares and contrasts characteristics of planets, stars, and satellites

LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

- contrasts and compares the structure and function of major body systems
- recognizes that structures, physiology, and behaviors of living things are adapted to their environment
- identifies and explains the role of DNA
- explains the relationship and interdependence of all living things and their environment

SCIENTIFIC THINKING

- uses scientific method and processes to solve problems
- recognizes that most natural events occur in consistent patterns
- understands the interdependence of science, technology, and society

CONTENT ASSESSED ON THE FCAT SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS—WRITING

For FCAT Writing, students demonstrate their writing skills by producing, within 45 minutes, a draft response to an assigned topic (prompt). This type of writing is called demand writing. Students in Grade 4 write either an expository or narrative essay while students in Grades 8 and 10 write either an expository or persuasive essay. Prompts are carefully selected to ensure that the subject matter is interesting and appropriate for the student's grade level.

GRADE 4

WRITING PROCESS

The student drafts and revises writing in cursive* that

- focuses on the topic
- provides a logical organizational pattern, including a beginning, middle, conclusion, and transitional devices
- includes ample development of supporting ideas
- demonstrates a sense of completeness or wholeness
- demonstrates a command of language including precision in word choice
- indicates a general knowledge of the correct use of subject/verb agreement and verb and noun forms
- includes, with few exceptions, sentences that are complete except when fragments are used purposefully
- uses a variety of sentence structures and
- demonstrates a knowledge of the basic conventions of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

GRADE 8

WRITING PROCESS

The student drafts and revises writing that

- focuses on the topic, is purposeful, and reflects insight into the writing situation
- conveys a sense of completeness and wholeness and adherence to the main idea
- provides an organizational pattern with a logical progression of ideas
- includes support that is substantial, specific, relevant, concrete, and/or illustrative
- demonstrates a commitment to and an involvement with the subject
- presents ideas with clarity
- employs creative writing strategies appropriate to the purpose of the paper
- demonstrates a command of language (word choice) with freshness of expression
- includes sentences that are complete except when fragments are used purposefully
- uses a variety of sentence structures and
- contains few, if any, convention errors in mechanics, usage, and punctuation.

GRADE 10

WRITING PROCESS

The student drafts and revises writing that

- focuses on the topic, is purposeful, and reflects insight into the writing situation
- provides an organizational pattern with a logical progression of ideas
- includes effective use of transitional devices that contribute to a sense of completeness
- includes support that is substantial, specific, relevant, and concrete
- demonstrates a commitment to and an involvement with the subject
- employs creative writing strategies appropriate to the purpose of the paper
- demonstrates a mature command of language with freshness of expression
- uses a variety of sentence structures and
- contains few, if any, convention errors in mechanics, usage, punctuation, and spelling.

* Language Arts Writing Benchmark 1.2.2 for Grade 4 states that students should write in cursive. For FCAT Writing, students may print or write in cursive.

CONTENT ASSESSED ON THE FCAT NORM-REFERENCED TEST

READING COMPREHENSION TEST AT GRADES 3–10

- *Initial Understanding* – Demonstrate the ability to comprehend explicitly stated relationships in a variety of reading selections.
- *Interpretation* – Demonstrate the ability to form an interpretation of a variety of reading selections based on explicit and implicit information in the selections.
- *Critical Analysis* – Demonstrate the ability to synthesize and evaluate explicit and implicit information in a variety of reading selections.
- *Strategies* – Demonstrate the ability to recognize and apply text factors and reading strategies in a variety of reading selections.

Objectives are measured within the following contexts

- *Recreational* – material typically read for enjoyment.
- *Textual* – material typically found in grade-appropriate textbooks and other sources of information.
- *Functional* – material typically encountered in everyday life situations.

MATHEMATICS PROBLEM SOLVING TEST AT GRADES 3–10

- *Concepts of Whole Number Computation* – Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental operations of arithmetic and their properties.
- *Number Sense and Numeration* – Demonstrate an understanding of the system of whole numbers and the basic principles of arithmetic.
- *Geometry and Spatial Sense* – Demonstrate an understanding of geometric principles.
- *Measurement* – Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of measurement.
- *Statistics and Probability* – Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships in data sets and the laws governing chance.
- *Fraction and Decimal Concepts* – Demonstrate an understanding of representations of rational numbers.
- *Patterns and Relationships* – Identify missing elements in numeric and geometric patterns.
- *Estimation* – Determine the reasonableness of results and apply estimation in problem solving.
- *Problem Solving Strategies* – Demonstrate an understanding of the process of solving conventional and non-routine problems.

Grades 5–8 additional objectives

- *Number and Number Relationships* – Represent and use numbers in equivalent forms in real-world and mathematical problems and demonstrate number sense for whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and integers.
- *Number Systems and Number Theory* – Demonstrate an understanding of relationships among arithmetic operations and apply concepts of number theory such as primes, factors, and multiples in real-world and mathematical problems.
- *Algebra* – Demonstrate the ability to evaluate expressions and solve linear equations.

Grades 9–10 additional objectives

- *Geometry from a Synthetic Perspective* – Identify and find properties of two- and three-dimensional objects and relationships between them.
- *Geometry from an Algebraic Perspective* – Make translations between algebraic and geometric representation of figures and use those translations to identify and find properties of the figures.
- *Trigonometry* – Apply trigonometric relationships to problems involving triangles.
- *Discrete Mathematics* – Solve problems involving recursive sequences, finite graphs, enumeration and algorithmic descriptions.
- *Conceptual Underpinning of Calculus* – Identify and solve problems involving the central ideas of calculus—limit, the area under a curve, and rate of change.

Source: Stanford Achievement Test Series, Ninth Edition, Compendium of Instructional Objectives.

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GLOSSARY

Note: Terms defined in this glossary have been cross-referenced and appear in bold.

Achievement Levels – Five categories of achievement that represent the success students demonstrate with the **Sunshine State Standards** content assessed on the FCAT. The achievement levels for FCAT Reading and FCAT Mathematics were established using the input of classroom teachers, curriculum specialists, education administrators, and other interested citizens. These professionals helped the Department of Education identify the score ranges for each achievement level. Achievement levels for FCAT Science will be established following the same process. The achievement levels are helpful in interpreting what a student's **scale score** represents.

Benchmark – A specific statement that describes what students should know and be able to do. The benchmarks are part of the **Sunshine State Standards**.

Cluster – A grouping of related **benchmarks** from the **Sunshine State Standards**. Clusters are used to summarize and report achievement for FCAT Reading and FCAT Science.

Content Area – The information or skills contained in an area of study. The content areas (or subject areas) assessed on the FCAT are reading, writing, mathematics, and science.

Content Subscores – The number of points earned by a student in each **cluster** or **strand** of the **Sunshine State Standards** portion of FCAT. Content subscores are reported for clusters in FCAT Reading and FCAT Science. In FCAT Mathematics, content subscores are reported for strands.

Demographic Reports – Summary reports that represent the scores of various subgroups of the students tested. The information collected about students at the time they take the FCAT includes the following: name, student identification number, race/ethnicity, gender, and other demographic information. **Limited English Proficient (LEP)** status and **Exceptional Student Education (ESE)** classification are obtained from existing Department of Education and school district databases.

Developmental Scale Score (DSS) – A type of **scale score** used to determine a student's annual progress from grade to grade. The FCAT Developmental Scale for Reading and Mathematics ranges from 86 to 3008 across Grades 3–10. On the Student Report, the Developmental Scale Score is called the "FCAT Score."

DSS Change – A calculation made by subtraction of **developmental scale scores** from two years yields the amount of change across the two years, e.g., 2002 DSS – 2001 DSS = DSS Change. This number can be large for students who move from a low Achievement Level 1 score to a low Achievement Level 2 score. It also can be small for a student who maintains a high score in Achievement Level 4. The DSS Change can be understood best when also considering the **achievement level** scores for the two years.

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) – Special educational services that are provided to eligible students, e.g., visually impaired, hearing impaired. These services are required by Federal law and are provided to Florida students according to the State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.0331, FAC. Students demonstrate the conditions required for the services and services are provided as described in an Individual Education Plan (IEP). The IEP also specifies the testing accommodations a student needs for classroom instruction and assessments.

Expository Writing – Writing that gives information, explains why or how, clarifies a process, or defines a concept. In FCAT Writing, students in Grades 4, 8, and 10 are assigned **prompts** that are intended to result in expository writing.

Gridded-Response (GR) – Test questions that require students to solve a problem for which the answer is numerical. Answers must be written and bubbled into a number grid. The gridded-response question format is used in FCAT Mathematics (Grades 5–10) and FCAT Science (Grades 8 and 10).

Holistic Scoring – A method of scoring written work that considers the overall quality of the entire work. Scores are assigned to student work using a pre-defined **rubric**.

Learning Gains – As part of the school grading system, annual learning gains can be shown three ways. (1) Improve an **achievement level**, e.g., from Achievement Level 1 to Achievement Level 2. (2) Maintain Achievement Level 3, 4, or 5. Maintaining high scores with harder content each year shows an increase in learning. (3) Show adequate **DSS Change** if students stay in Achievement Levels 1 or 2.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) – Special education services for students whose primary language is not English. LEP students are permitted testing accommodations when taking the FCAT. Students who have been in LEP programs for more than one year are required to take the FCAT.

Mean – An average of the individual scores that describes the performance of a group of students. The mean is computed by finding the sum of all scores and dividing by the number of students.

Median – A score that identifies the middle value of a group of data. The median is the point at which a group of numbers (scores) is divided in half (50% above and below).

Mode – The most frequently occurring score in a set of scores. If a distribution of scores is statistically normal, the **mean, median,** and mode are the same score.

Mode of Writing – The characteristics of written work that reveal the purpose of the writing. FCAT Writing assesses three modes of writing: **narrative, expository,** and **persuasive.**

Multiple-Choice (MC) – Test questions that present students with several options from which to choose the correct answer. The FCAT uses items in which four choices are given, only one of which is correct. The multiple-choice question format is used in FCAT Reading, FCAT Mathematics, and FCAT Science.

Narrative Writing – Writing that recounts a personal or fictional experience or tells a story based on a real or imagined event. In FCAT Writing, only students in Grade 4 are assigned a **prompt** that is intended to result in narrative writing.

National Percentile Rank (NPR) – A score that shows the percent of students who earned the same or a lower score. NPRs are reported for the **norm-referenced test** and show the rank of an individual compared to a national sample of students or “norm” group. They do *not* compare an individual to Florida students who took the test.

Norm-Referenced Test (NRT) – A test designed to compare the performance of one group of students to a national sample of students, called the “norm” group. The NRT portion of FCAT includes both the Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Problem Solving subtests from the Stanford 9 test published by Harcourt Educational Measurement. The FCAT NRT uses a scale that can range from a low of 424 in Grade 3 to a high of 863 in Grade 10.

Number of Points – The *Number of Points Possible* shows the total number of machine-scorable test questions and **performance task** points on a test. The *Number of Points Earned* shows how many of these points the student earned. These types of scores are reported only for the **content subscores** and the number of points possible in a subscore may change slightly each year.

Performance Tasks – Test questions that require students to write their answers instead of choosing one from several choices or gridding their response. Two types of performance tasks, short- and extended-response, are used in FCAT Reading, FCAT Mathematics, and FCAT Science. Short-response (SR) questions ask for short answers like describing a character in a story, writing a mathematical equation, or explaining a scientific concept. Extended-response (ER) questions require longer answers such as comparing two passages, constructing a graph, or describing the steps in an experiment.

Persuasive Writing – Writing that attempts to convince the reader that a point of view is valid or that the reader should take a specific action. In FCAT Writing, students in Grades 8 and 10 are assigned **prompts** that are intended to result in persuasive writing.

Prompt – The topic a student is given on which to write an essay in FCAT Writing. The prompt has two parts: the *writing situation* (presents and clarifies the topic) and the *directions for writing* (guides the student to think about the topic and suggests an approach that may help the student begin writing).

Rubric – The scoring guidelines or criteria used to evaluate all FCAT **performance tasks** and essays. The rubric describes what is required for each possible score point.

Scale Score – The score used to report test results on the entire test. Scale scores on the FCAT **Sunshine State Standards** tests are 100–500 for each grade level and **content area**. A computer program is used to analyze student responses and to compute the scale score.

Section 504 – A special classification of students as defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Testing accommodations are permitted for students who meet the 504 criteria.

Stanine – Standard scores that divide a distribution of scores into nine parts. The word “stanine” comes from the fact that it is a STAndard score on a scale of NINE units.

State Means – The average score for each grade used for comparison purposes. Individual student scores, school mean scores, or district mean scores can be compared to state averages.

Strands – The broad divisions of content in the **Sunshine State Standards**. For example, in the Language Arts *Sunshine State Standards* there are seven strands (Reading, Writing, Listening, Viewing, Speaking, Language, and Literature).

Sunshine State Standards (SSS) – Florida’s curriculum framework that includes curriculum **content areas**, **strands**, standards, and **benchmarks**. The *Sunshine State Standards* provide guidelines for the educational curriculum in Florida.

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