

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT 2.0) Component in Writing

Grades/Students

All students in grades 4, 8, and 10.

Date

Administered in February of each school year.

Description

The FCAT Writing test is a standardized, criterion-referenced performance test. Students are expected to produce a focused, organized, well-supported draft in response to a randomly assigned topic within a 60-minute time period. The writing prompt requires students in grade 4 to write to explain (expository) or tell a story (narrative); students in grades 8 and 10 write to explain (expository) or to persuade (persuasive).

Results

The writing prompt is scored holistically based on a rubric with scores ranging from a low of one (1) to a high of six (6) with an "unscorable" category for responses that did not address the assigned writing task.

Basis of Test

State mandate.

Website

<http://fcat.fldoe.org/>

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