The FCAT Handscoring Process

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

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

3. **Training**
   College graduates are trained to score accurately.

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

5. **Scoring Accuracy**
   Two evaluators score each question on their own. On average, the evaluators' scores agree 97 percent of the time.

6. **Scoring Accuracy**
   Differences in scoring are resolved by the scoring director.

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

8. **Results**
   Students' scores are given to parents and teachers.