

# 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.



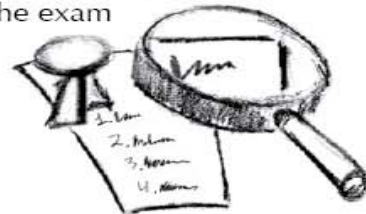
## 3. Training

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.



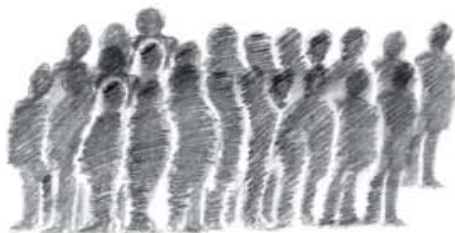
## 6. Scoring Accuracy

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.

