

FCAT READING TEST CLUES

You are to bring a #2 pencil with you to take the test. Do not bring a mechanical pencil.

All cell phones are to be turned off—do not leave on vibrate!

ESOL students may use a Heritage to Language dictionary only. Absolutely no electronic devices may be used.

ESOL, ESE, and all 11th and 12th grade Re-Takes may have extended time to complete the test.

General Clues for Performing Well on the FCAT

Learn how to answer each type of question.

For multiple-choice questions, read each question carefully and think about the answer or solve the problem before you select your answer from the choices provided

Answer questions you are sure about first. If the question seems too hard, skip it and go back to that question later.

There is no penalty for guessing; therefore, it is best to try to answer all questions, even if you are not sure of the correct answers.

Think positively. Some questions may seem hard, but you may be able to figure out how to respond if you read the questions carefully a second time.

Be sure to completely fill in the answer bubbles in your answer document. Do not make any stray marks around the answer spaces.

Check to make sure the test question number matches the answer choice number on the answer document.

9th and 10th GRADE FCAT READING CLUES

Read the passage and question very carefully. Look back at the passage to find correct answer to the question.

Make sure your answer is based on information in the passage and not on something you read elsewhere. If you are not sure about details from the passage, go back and read that part of the passage again.

Once you have chosen your answer, fill in the bubble that matches your choice. Check your responses!

9th and 10th grade FCAT READING is made up of 6 to 8 passages with an average of 800 words per passage for the 9th graders and 900 words per passage for the 10th graders.

9th graders will have 50 to 55 multiple-choice questions with a value of 1 raw point per question. Each question should take up to 1 minute to complete.

10th graders will have 40 to 50 multiple-choice questions with the value of 1 raw point per question. They will also have from 5 to 8 short or extended response questions. Short response questions can earn up to 2 raw points and extended response questions can earn up to 4 raw points. Partial credit may be given for either response.

HOW TO RESPOND TO SHORT/EXTENDED RESPONSE QUESTIONS (for 10th graders)

READ: Read the passage and then read the question. Some questions have several parts. Make sure you understand the question before you begin to write your answer. Look back at the passage as often as necessary to answer the question completely.

THINK: Plan your answer before you begin to write. Reread the parts of the passage that contain important information. Make sure that you include support from the passage in your answer.

EXPLAIN: Explain your answer clearly in writing. If the question has several parts, answer every part of the question. In your answer, be sure to include details and information from the passage. You may not need to use all of the lines provided. This is okay as long as you provide a complete response.

There are 8 lines for a Short Response and 14 lines for an Extended Response. Think, think, think before writing.

Your Short and Extended Responses are graded by at least 2 individuals. They must be able to read your handwriting. Follow the directions. Be sure to keep your writing inside the box and on the lines provided—they will not read outside of the lines!!!