

**Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)
English Language Arts (ELA) Test Blueprint for Grades 3-8**

The PASS ELA tests measure the 2008 *South Carolina Academic Standards for English Language Arts* in grades three through eight. At each grade level, four broad standards are assessed.

Standard 1 (Literary Text)	Standard 2 (Informational Text)
Standard 3 (Vocabulary)	Standard 6 (Research)

Test items are distributed according to this table.

Grade	Total Number of Items	Standard	Item Number Ranges per Standard
3	36	1	8-12
		2	8-11
		3	8- 9
		6	8-10
4	36	1	8-12
		2	8-11
		3	8- 9
		6	8-10
5	38	1	8-14
		2	8-12
		3	8- 9
		6	8-10
6	40	1	10-15
		2	9-12
		3	8-10
		6	8-10
7	45	1	12-18
		2	9-14
		3	8-10
		6	8-12
8	50	1	12-18
		2	10-16
		3	8-10
		6	10-14

NOTE: Because of embedded field test items and/or vertical linking items, the tests for 2009 will contain 6 to 12 more total items than specified in the blueprint. These items are for test development and research purposes only and will NOT be included in the calculation of student scores.