

**Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)
Writing Test Blueprint for Grades 3-8**

The PASS writing tests measure the 2008 *South Carolina Academic Standards for English Language Arts* in writing for grades three through eight. Each grade level will have one extended-response item and 25 multiple-choice items which assess the writing domains of content and development, organization, voice, and conventions.

The table indicates the range of points and items for the four domains.

Domain	Possible Points Extended Response	Possible Points Multiple-Choice Items
Content/Development	1-4	5-8
Organization	1-4	5-8
Voice	1-3	5-8
Conventions	1-4	5-8

The extended-response item is scored using the 15 point rubric. The score will be weighted x 2.

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.