

**Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)
Social Studies Test Blueprint for Grades 3–8**

The PASS social studies tests measure the 2005 *South Carolina Social Studies Academic Standards* in grades three through eight.

There are five to seven broad standards at each grade level. Each standard is followed by detailed indicators. The test items will be aligned to the broad standards, guided by the scope of the detailed indicators for each standard.

All test items are 1-point, four-option, multiple-choice questions. The third grade test has 45 questions; tests for the remaining grades increase in length corresponding to the number of standards.

The items are distributed approximately evenly across the standards, according to this table:

Grade	Number of Standards	Number of Items	Items per Standard
3	5	45	8-10
4	6	50	8-10
5	6	50	8-10
6	6	55	8-12
7	7	60	8-12
8	7	60	8-12

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.