

**Comparison of Achievement on Field Test vs. Anchor Forms
FCAT Reading Grade 5 2008 – 2010**

These tables present the average (mean) score for students taking tests with embedded field-test items compared to those taking tests with embedded anchor (equating/linking) items. The standard deviation (SD) indicates the spread or variability of scores around the mean.

2010 Gr.5 RD Mean and SD of SS by Field Test Form and Anchor Form			
Form	N	Mean Scale Score	SD Scale Score
Field Test Forms (Form 1-36)	177,537	309.95	60.05
Anchor Forms (Form 37-40)	19,184	310.23	59.65
37	4,802	312.39	59.70
38	4,798	310.21	59.27
39	4,781	309.02	60.34
40	4,803	309.28	59.24
All	196,721	309.98	60.01

2009 Gr.5 RD Mean and SD of SS by Field Test Form and Anchor Form			
Form	N	Mean Scale Score	SD Scale Score
Field Test Forms (Form 1-16)	175,715	311.38	58.39
Anchor Forms (Form 17-20)	16,695	310.76	57.79
17	4,174	309.97	57.92
18	4,169	310.69	56.75
19	4,140	310.63	58.02
20	4,212	311.73	58.47
All	192,410	311.33	58.34

2008 Gr.5 RD Mean and SD of SS by Field Test Form and Anchor Form			
Form	N	Mean Scale Score	SD Scale Score
Field Test Forms (Form 1-26)	138,134	304.99	57.61
Anchor Forms (Form 27-30)	57,396	306.58	56.42
27	14,335	306.06	56.27
28	14,402	305.75	56.70
29	14,388	307.22	56.60
30	14,271	307.31	56.09
All	195,530	305.46	57.27