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**SUBJECT: ANCHOR SETS FOR THE 2009 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT TEST (FCAT) WRITING ASSESSMENT**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has posted FCAT Writing Assessment anchor sets for grades 4, 8, and 10 on the FDOE website at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/09writinganchorsets.asp>. The anchor sets, also known as scoring guides, are examples of student responses that are used as training materials by scorers of the 2009 Writing Assessment. Each anchor set contains a student response and an explanation of why it was assigned a specific score.

Descriptions of the 2009 Writing Prompts are located at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/fwprom09.asp>.
Rubrics for the FCAT Writing Assessment are found at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/rubrcpag.asp>.

Schools may use the released 2009 anchor sets for staff development and instructional purposes. These materials are designed to help teachers learn to score FCAT Writing at Grades 4, 8, and 10. They may also be used to share examples of writing at each score point with students.

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