Third Grade Language Arts Blueprint--July 2010

Important Information:

• The purpose of test blueprints is to make sure that the intended breadth and depth of the curriculum is represented on the CRTs.
• The item counts provided in the blueprint (below) are the number of items which contribute to a student's CRT score (operational items).
• Blueprint totals have been reduced to allow piloting of new passages and items without increasing the total time needed for testing.
• In order to maintain continuity from previous years, the percentage of items for each standard and objective has not been changed significantly.
• The Grade 3 ELA CRT has a total of 65 (operational plus pilot) items, with pilot items scattered throughout the test.
• The Grade 3 ELA CRT should be administered in 2 separate testing sessions.

Standards and Objectives	**Number of Items**
04--**Phonics and Spelling**--Students use phonics and other strategies to decode and spell unfamiliar words while reading and writing.	
0403--Spell words correctly.	**6**
06--**Vocabulary**--Students learn and use grade level vocabulary to increase understanding and read fluently.	
0602--Learn new words by relating them to known words or concepts.	**5**
0603--Use structural analysis and context clues to determine meaning of words.	**6**
07--**Comprehension**--Students understand, interpret, and analyze narrative and informational grade level text.	
0702--Apply strategies to comprehend text.	**10**
0703--Recognize and use features of narrative and informational text.	**8**
08--**Writing**--Students write daily to communicate effectively for a variety of purposes and audiences.	
0801--Prepare to write by gathering and organizing information and ideas.	**5**
0803--Revise by elaborating and clarifying a written draft.	**5**
0804--Edit written draft for conventions.	**8**