

Writing Rubric - Grade 7

	ORGANIZATION	DEVELOPMENT	SENTENCE STRUCTURE	WORD CHOICE/GRAMMAR USAGE	MECHANICS
Score of 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and logical progression of ideas • Strong introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph • Sophisticated transition conveys relationships among ideas and paragraphs 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear focus maintained for intended audience • Strong development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing • Strong thesis statement for development of informative and persuasive writing • Strong use of examples, evidence or relevant details • Strong use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophisticated sentence structure; complete and correct sentences • Sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple ➢ Compound ➢ Complex 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivid, specific, economical, connotative • Consistent grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage ➢ Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May have minor errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling • Needs little or no editing
Score of 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logical progression of ideas • Introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph • Purposeful transition conveys relationships among ideas and paragraphs 	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective focus maintained for intended audience • Appropriate development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing • Appropriate thesis statement for development of informative and persuasive writing • Clear use of examples, evidence or relevant details • Use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and correct sentences • Sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple ➢ Compound ➢ Complex 	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economical, specific • Clear meaning, connotative • Mostly consistent grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage ➢ Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling • Needs some editing
Score of 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some evidence of a logical progression of ideas • Introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph • Appropriate use of transition 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate focus maintained for intended audience • Adequate development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing • Adequate thesis statement for development of informative and persuasive writing • Sufficient use of examples, evidence or relevant details • Use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor errors in sentence structure • Some sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple ➢ Compound ➢ Complex (errors in more complex sentence structure do not detract) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate, somewhat specific • Somewhat simplistic • Somewhat consistent grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage ➢ Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling • Needs editing but doesn't impede readability
Score of 3	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited evidence of a logical progression of ideas • Introductory paragraph and concluding paragraph with limited supporting paragraphs • Limited use of transition 	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some evidence of focus for the intended audience • Limited development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing • Limited thesis statement for development of informative and persuasive writing • Some use of examples, evidence or supporting details • Some use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some errors in sentence structure • Limited sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple ➢ Compound ➢ Complex (errors in more complex sentence structure begin to detract) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vague, redundant, simplistic • Several inconsistencies in grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage ➢ Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling • Begins to impede readability
Score of 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Organization/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks evidence of a logical progression of ideas • Lacks introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and/or concluding paragraph • Lacks clear transition 	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Development/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks focus on intended audience • Lacks development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing • Lacks thesis statement for development of informative and persuasive writing • Lacks sufficient examples, evidence or supporting details • Lacks sufficient analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Sentence Structure/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains fragments and/or run-ons • Minimal sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple ➢ Compound ➢ Complex (errors in more complex sentences detract) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Word Choice/Grammar Usage/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate, imprecise, repetitive • Frequent inconsistencies in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage ➢ Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Mechanics/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling • Impedes readability
Score of 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little or no progression of ideas; difficult to follow • Inadequate paragraphing • No transition 	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear or no focus • Little or no development of narrative or descriptive writing • Little or no development of informative or persuasive writing • Few or no examples, evidence or supporting details • Few or no analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains numerous fragments and/or run-ons • Inadequate sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple ➢ Compound ➢ Complex (errors in sentence structure detract) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rambling, inappropriate, incorrect • Distracting inconsistencies in grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage ➢ Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious and consistent errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling • Impedes understanding/communication