



Grade 8 Year-Long Rubric

August 2025

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Writing Processes and Craft	Plan, develop, draft, revise, edit & share writing	<p>Creates a comprehensive and purposeful plan related to issues encountered in texts and/or personal experiences.</p> <p>Creates a comprehensive draft(s) and skillfully develops and organizes ideas and information to establish a compelling overall impression and consistent point of view.</p> <p>Skillfully enhances sentence variety, word choice, and tone to elevate the writing.</p> <p>Skillfully improves the coherence and impact of documents using editing tools/strategies.</p> <p>Intuitively applies revisions using elicited feedback received from the sharing of drafts.</p>	<p>Creates a thorough and/or focused plan related to issues encountered in texts and/or personal experiences.</p> <p>Creates a sufficient draft(s) and appropriately develops and organizes ideas and information to establish a clear overall impression or point of view.</p> <p>Thoughtfully enhances sentence variety, word choice, and tone to elevate the writing.</p> <p>Thoughtfully improves the coherence and impact of documents using editing tools/strategies.</p> <p>Adequately applies revisions using elicited feedback received from the sharing of drafts.</p>	<p>Creates a partial and/or simplistic plan related to issues encountered in texts and/or personal experiences.</p> <p>Creates a partial and/or simplistic draft(s) to develop and organizes ideas and information to establish an overall impression or point of view.</p> <p>Partially enhances sentence variety, word choice, and tone to elevate the writing.</p> <p>Partially improves the coherence and impact of documents using editing tools/strategies.</p> <p>Occasionally applies revisions using elicited feedback received from the sharing of drafts.</p>	<p>Creates an undeveloped and/or incomplete plan that does not incorporate issues encountered in texts and/or personal experiences.</p> <p>Rarely develops and/or organizes ideas and information to establish an overall impression or point of view.</p> <p>Rarely enhances sentence variety, word choice, and tone to elevate the writing.</p> <p>Rarely improves the coherence and impact of documents using editing tools/strategies.</p> <p>Rarely applies revisions using elicited feedback received from the sharing of drafts.</p>
Content and Creative Expression	Organization and Structure	<p>Skillfully organizes ideas and information into paragraphs to demonstrate unity and coherence.</p> <p>Skillfully develops and organizes ideas and information to establish a compelling overall impression and consistent point of view.</p>	<p>Appropriately organizes ideas and information into paragraphs to demonstrate unity and coherence.</p> <p>Appropriately develops and organizes ideas and information to establish a clear overall impression or point of view.</p>	<p>Partially organizes ideas and information into paragraphs to demonstrate unity and coherence.</p> <p>Simplistically develops and organizes ideas and information to establish an overall impression and consistent point of view.</p>	<p>Haphazardly and/or incompletely organizes ideas and information into paragraphs to demonstrate unity and coherence.</p> <p>Rarely develops and/or organizes ideas and information to establish an overall impression or point of view.</p>
	Form and Purpose	<p>Purposefully focuses a topic and selects a form of expression and genre appropriate to audience and purpose.</p>	<p>Adequately focuses a topic and selects a form of expression and genre appropriate to audience and purpose.</p>	<p>Simplistically and/or partially focuses a topic and selects a form of expression and genre appropriate to audience and purpose.</p>	<p>Does not yet focus a topic and/or select a form of expression and genre appropriate to audience and purpose.</p>
	Word Choice and Expressive Language	<p>Skillfully selects words and phrases for emphasis to effectively improve coherence and impact.</p> <p>Effectively experiments with figurative language, voice, and sentence patterns to create expression and mood.</p>	<p>Adequately selects words and phrases for emphasis to improve coherence and impact.</p> <p>Adequately experiments with figurative language, voice, and sentence patterns to create expression and mood.</p>	<p>Selects simplistic and/or repetitive words and phrases in an attempt to improve coherence and impact.</p> <p>Attempts to experiment with figurative language, voice, and sentence patterns to create expression and mood.</p>	<p>Does not yet select words and phrases for emphasis to improve coherence and impact.</p> <p>Does not yet experiment with figurative language, voice, and sentence patterns to create expression and mood.</p>
Research Processes		<p>Purposefully gathers, selects, and records most relevant information and sources for topic, audience, purpose, and form.</p> <p>Purposefully records key ideas and information from texts avoiding overuse of direct quotations.</p>	<p>Adequately gathers, selects, and records most relevant information and sources for topic, audience, purpose, and form.</p> <p>Adequately records key ideas and information from texts avoiding overuse of direct quotations.</p>	<p>Simplistically gathers, selects, and records information and sources for topic, audience, purpose, and form.</p> <p>Simplistically records key ideas and information from texts avoiding overuse of direct quotations.</p>	<p>Superficially gathers, selects, and records information and sources for topic, audience, purpose, and form.</p> <p>Superficially records key ideas and information from texts avoiding overuse of direct quotations.</p>

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Conventions	Grammar	<p>Consistently uses correct grammar to provide structure for the building of sentences which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variety of simple, compound, and complex sentence structures to communicate effectively and to make writing interesting • pronoun-antecedent agreement • verb tenses 	<p>Frequently uses correct grammar to provide structure for the building of sentences which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variety of simple, compound, and complex sentence structures to communicate effectively and to make writing interesting • pronoun-antecedent agreement • verb tenses 	<p>Sometimes uses correct grammar to provide structure for the building of sentences which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variety of simple, compound, and complex sentence structures to communicate effectively and to make writing interesting • pronoun-antecedent agreement • verb tenses 	<p>Rarely uses correct grammar to provide structure for the building of sentences which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variety of simple, compound, and complex sentence structures to communicate effectively and to make writing interesting • pronoun-antecedent agreement • verb tenses
	Punctuation	<p>Consistently uses correct punctuation which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hyphens to break words at the end of lines, and makes a new word from two related words • parentheses appropriately in their own writing 	<p>Frequently uses correct punctuation which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hyphens to break words at the end of lines, and makes a new word from two related words • parentheses appropriately in their own writing 	<p>Sometimes uses correct punctuation which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hyphens to break words at the end of lines, and makes a new word from two related words • parentheses appropriately in their own writing 	<p>Rarely uses correct punctuation which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hyphens to break words at the end of lines, and makes a new word from two related words • parentheses appropriately in their own writing
	Capitalization	Consistently uses capitalization appropriately.	Frequently uses capitalization appropriately.	Sometimes uses capitalization appropriately.	Rarely uses capitalization appropriately.
Spelling	Spelling Strategies	Consistently applies use of spelling generalization and how words are formed to spell technical terms and unfamiliar words.	Frequently applies use of spelling generalization and how words are formed to spell technical terms and unfamiliar words.	Sometimes applies use of spelling generalization and how words are formed to spell technical terms and unfamiliar words.	Rarely applies use of spelling generalization and how words are formed to spell technical terms and unfamiliar words.