

Sixth Grade Expectations

Each child will be able to:

Write a multi-paragraph expository and persuasive essay with the following attributes:

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| 1. Focusing on the Prompt | 10. Proper Conventions |
| 2. Thesis Statement | 11. Main Idea Sentences |
| 3. Topic Sentence | 12. Supporting, Relevant, Detail Sentences |
| 4. Elaboration of Details | 13. Awareness of Audience |
| 5. Sentence Variety | 14. Word Choices |
| 6. Appropriate and Thoughtful Transitions | 15. Concluding Sentences |
| 7. Introductory Sentences | 16. Voice |
| 8. Figurative Language | |
| 9. Organization (Beginning, Middle, End) | |

* Greater emphasis on Ideas, and Conventions based on the Six Traits of Writing.

Scoring

All students will participate in a quarterly “VPAA Writes” writing assessment. All responses will be graded using the eighth grade “FLORIDA WRITES” rubric. All student responses will be kept in a student writing folder.

Seventh Grade Expectations

Each child will be able to:

Write a multi-paragraph expository and persuasive essay with the following attributes:

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| 1. Focusing on the Prompt | 10. Proper Conventions |
| 2. Thesis Statement | 11. Main Idea Sentences |
| 3. Topic Sentence | 12. Supporting, Relevant, Detail Sentences |
| 4. Elaboration of Details | 13. Awareness of Audience |
| 5. Sentence Variety | 14. Word Choices |
| 6. Appropriate and Thoughtful Transitions | 15. Concluding Sentences |
| 7. Introductory Sentences | 16. Voice |
| 8. Figurative Language | |
| 9. Organization (Beginning, Middle, End) | |

* Greater emphasis on Word Choice and Voice based on the Six Traits of Writing.

Scoring

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Eighth Grade Expectations

Each child will be able to:

Write a multi-paragraph expository and persuasive essay with the following attributes:

1. Focusing on the Prompt
2. Thesis Statement
3. Topic Sentence
4. Elaboration of Details
5. Sentence Variety
6. Appropriate and Thoughtful Transitions
7. Introductory Sentences
8. Figurative Language
9. Organization (Beginning, Middle, End)
10. Proper Conventions
11. Main Idea Sentences
12. Supporting, Relevant, Detail Sentences
13. Awareness of Audience
14. Word Choices
15. Concluding Sentences
16. Voice

Scoring

All students will participate in a quarterly “VPAA Writes” writing assessment. All responses will be graded using the eighth grade “FLORIDA Writes” rubric. All student responses will be kept in a student writing folder.