



Level	OPINION WRITING/PROCESS	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	WITH GUIDANCE and SUPPORT FROM ADULTS
4 Exceeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meets all expectations in level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Uses clear reasons and relevant evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Both opinion and conclusion are clear and well stated <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes and maintains a formal style 	<p>Mostly correct use of language conventions, and some above grade level skills used, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meets all expectations in level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Varies sentence patterns for meaning, interest, and style <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains consistency in style and tone 	<p>Guidance & Support</p>
3 Meets	<p>OPINION WRITING (W1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduces topic clearly and states an opinion (W1a) <input type="checkbox"/> Creates organizational structure that logically groups ideas to support writer's purpose (W1a) <input type="checkbox"/> Supplies logically ordered reasons that are supported with facts and details (W1b) <input type="checkbox"/> Links opinion and reasons with words/phrases/clauses such as <i>consequently, specifically</i> (W1c) <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented (W1d) <hr/> <p>WRITING PROCESS (W4-W8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses clear and coherent writing in multi-paragraph texts that is appropriate to task, purpose, and audience (W4) <input type="checkbox"/> WGASFA* Develops and strengthens writing by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach (W5) <input type="checkbox"/> WGASFA* Uses a variety of digital tools to write and publish writing (W6) <input type="checkbox"/> Keyboards/types a minimum of two pages in a single sitting (W6) <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in shared research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. (W7) <input type="checkbox"/> Summarizes or paraphrases information in notes and finished work, and provides a list of sources (W8) 	<p>Adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses verb tenses to show time, states, conditions; and uses noun-verb agreement correctly most of the time (L1) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses punctuation to separate items in a series (L2a) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence (L2b) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a comma to set off the words yes and no, to set off a tag question, and to indicate direct address (L2c) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works (L2d) <input type="checkbox"/> Spells grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed (L2e) 	<p>Level of guidance and support from adults before writing:</p> <p>Check off what was done before the student wrote the piece being scored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Read aloud or shared reading <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary word bank <input type="checkbox"/> Shared or interactive writing <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic organizer <input type="checkbox"/> Language frames
2 Almost Meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Opinion is clear but some reasons are unrelated <input type="checkbox"/> Provides few facts and details <input type="checkbox"/> May not write multi-paragraphs <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some linking words/phrases but ideas are scattered <input type="checkbox"/> Planning for writing is minimal or incomplete 	<p>Limited use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses verb tenses correctly some of the time. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some punctuation correctly <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some sentence variety correctly <input type="checkbox"/> Spells many words correctly 	
1 Does Not Meet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides few or no details or facts <input type="checkbox"/> Provides no concluding statement or is unrelated to opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Document is disorganized or incomplete <input type="checkbox"/> Little or no planning evident 	<p>Infrequent use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Writes few complete sentences or only simple sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Has many errors in punctuation <input type="checkbox"/> Has many errors in spelling <input type="checkbox"/> Has many errors in capitalization 	

• **WGASFA:** "with guidance and support from adults"

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