




# OPINION WRITING RUBRIC

## California Common Core Standards Based - KINDERGARTEN



Level	OPINION WRITING/PROCESS	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	WITH GUIDANCE and SUPPORT FROM ADULTS
<b>4</b> Exceeds	<input type="checkbox"/> Meets all expectations in level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Includes a reason for opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some descriptive words <input type="checkbox"/> Writes multiple complete sentences	<b>Mostly correct</b> use of language conventions, and some above grade level skills used, for example: <input type="checkbox"/> Meets all expectations in level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Writes proper names with capital letters <input type="checkbox"/> Consistently spells grade level appropriate words correctly	<b>Guidance &amp; Support</b>  Level of guidance and support from adults before writing: Check off what was done before the student wrote the piece being scored. <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
<b>3</b> Meets	<b>OPINION WRITING (W1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Draws, dictates, and/or writes an opinion about a topic or book (W1) <input type="checkbox"/> Names the book or topic (W1) <hr/> <b>WRITING PROCESS (W5-W8)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>WGASFA*</b> Adds details to strengthen writing (W5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>WGASFA*</b> Explores digital tools to write (W6) <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in shared research projects (W7) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>WGASFA*</b> Recalls information from experiences or gathers information from provided sources (W8)	<b>Adequate</b> use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example: <input type="checkbox"/> Writes left to right and return sweeps (L1a) <input type="checkbox"/> Uses spaces between words most of the time (L1c) <input type="checkbox"/> Prints many upper- and lowercase letters (L1a) <input type="checkbox"/> Capitalizes the first word in a sentence and the pronoun / (L2a) <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes and names end punctuation (L2b) <input type="checkbox"/> Writes a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (L2c) <input type="checkbox"/> Spells simple words phonetically (L2d)	
<b>2</b> Almost Meets	<input type="checkbox"/> Draws about topic <input type="checkbox"/> Names topic or book but gives no opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Includes simple sentences about topic <input type="checkbox"/> May rely on copying from a patterned sentence	<b>Limited</b> use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example: <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to write from left to right and return sweeps <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to space words correctly <input type="checkbox"/> Writes uppercase letters are random or within words <input type="checkbox"/> Uses only uppercase letters in writing <input type="checkbox"/> Uses no or few end punctuation marks <input type="checkbox"/> Spells some words phonetically	
<b>1</b> Does Not Meet	<input type="checkbox"/> Makes few or no attempts to write <input type="checkbox"/> Provides no details <input type="checkbox"/> Uses no or incorrect spacing between words	<b>Infrequent</b> use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage and spelling for grade level, for example: <input type="checkbox"/> Uses random letters to represent print <input type="checkbox"/> Makes no attempts at correct spelling <input type="checkbox"/> Writes no complete sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Writes in all directions or may just label drawing	

- **WGASFA:** “with guidance and support from adults”

This rubric was adapted from rubrics at sbusd.org and information from Smarter Balanced Assessments ([www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org)) using the California Common Core Standards at [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov).