

11th/12th Grade EGUSD Writing Rubric – Informative/Explanatory (CCSS Writing #2)

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Criterion	5 – Above Grade Level	4 – At Grade Level	3 – Approaching Grade Level	2 - Below Grade Level	1 - Far Below Grade Level
Focus CCSS -W: • 2a • 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insightfully addresses all aspects of the prompt Introduces topic(s) in a sophisticated thesis statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competently addresses all aspects of the prompt Introduces topic(s) in a clear thesis statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superficially addresses all aspects of the prompt Introduces topic(s) in a thesis statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partially addresses all aspects of the prompt Introduces superficial or flawed topic(s) in a weak thesis statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimally addresses all aspects of the prompt Fails to introduce a relevant topic(s) and/or lacks a thesis statement
Organization/ Structure CCSS – W: • 2a • 2c • 2f • 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skillfully orients reader to topic(s) in introduction Thoroughly develops complex topic(s) with relevant body paragraphs, building on preceding information Provides a meaningful and reflective conclusion that follows from and supports information or explanation presented, articulating significance of the topic Creates cohesion and clarifies relationships through skillful use of transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses within or between paragraphs and sections Purposefully and logically uses a variety of techniques (e.g., headings, charts) to organize ideas, concepts, and information to aid comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orients reader to topic(s) in introduction Develops complex topic(s) with relevant body paragraphs, building on preceding information Provides a conclusion that follows from and supports information or explanation presented, articulating significance of the topic Creates cohesion and clarifies relationships through transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses within or between paragraphs and sections Uses a variety of techniques (e.g., headings, charts) to organize ideas, concepts, and information to aid comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partially orients reader to topic(s) in introduction Superficially develops topic(s) with relevant body paragraphs, building on preceding information Provides a conclusion which repetitively or partially follows from and supports information or explanation presented, articulating superficial significance of the topic Creates some cohesion and clarifies relationships through transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses within or between paragraphs and sections Uses some techniques (e.g., headings, charts) to adequately organize ideas, concepts and information to aid comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequately orients reader to topic(s) in introduction Inadequately develops topic(s) with minimal body paragraphs, building on some preceding information Provides a sense of closure, but may weakly articulate significance of the topic. Uses limited or inappropriate transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses Uses few techniques (e.g., headings, charts) to inadequately organize ideas, concepts, and information to aid comprehension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fails to orient reader to topic(s) in introduction or introduction is missing Fails to develop topic(s) with body paragraphs Provides an inadequate conclusion or omits conclusion Uses few to no transition/linking words, phrases, or clauses Includes little or no discernible organization of ideas
Development CCSS -W: • 2b • 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skillfully provides substantial and pertinent evidence to develop the topic appropriate to audience Effectively integrates and cites credible sources* Shows insightful understanding of topic or text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides sufficient and relevant evidence to develop the topic appropriate to audience Competently integrates and cites credible sources* Shows competent understanding of topic or text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides limited and/or superficial evidence to develop the topic appropriate to audience Ineffectively integrates and cites sources* Shows superficial understanding of topic or text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides minimal and/or irrelevant evidence to develop the topic appropriate to audience Incorrectly integrates or cites sources* Shows limited or flawed understanding of topic or text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides inaccurate, little, or no evidence to support topic Does not use or cite sources* Shows no and/or inaccurate understanding of topic or text
Language CCSS – L**: • 1 • 2 • 2e • 3 • 4 CCSS-W • 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses purposeful, correct, and varied sentence structure Contains minimal to no errors in conventions(grammar, punctuation, spelling, capitalization) Competently uses figurative language Strategically uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses correct and varied sentence structure Contains few, minor errors in conventions Effectively uses figurative language Competently uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses mostly correct and some varied sentence structure Contains some errors in conventions which may cause confusion Minimally uses figurative language Usually uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses limited and/or repetitive sentence structure Contains numerous errors in conventions which cause confusion Inadequately uses figurative language Inadequately uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks sentence mastery (e.g., fragments/run-ons) Contains serious and pervasive errors in conventions Fails to use figurative language Fails to use academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose

*if applicable

**please refer to CCSS Language Progressive Skills, by grade

ELA 11th/12th Rubric Alignment to CCSS

Strand	11 th /12 th CCSS-Aligned Standards
Writing	<p>1. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introduce a topic or thesis statement; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. b. Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic. c. Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts. d. Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic. e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing. f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic). <p>4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3)</p> <p>9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apply grades 11th/12th Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics”). b. Apply grades 11th/12th Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning [e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court Case majority opinions and dissents] and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy [e.g., <i>The Federalist</i>, presidential addresses]”).
Language	<p>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested. b. Resolve issues of complex or contested usage, consulting references (e.g., <i>Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary of English Usage</i>, <i>Garner’s Modern American Usage</i>) as needed. <p>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (Details of 2a and 2b are not written on this document.)</p> <p>3. Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s <i>Artful Sentences</i>) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.