

Rubric for Science Writing

Advanced (12)	(10)	(9)	Basic (8)
Addresses the prompt completely	Addresses the prompt completely	Addresses the prompt	somewhat addresses the prompt
Consistently uses accurate science vocabulary to appropriately support ideas	Uses accurate science vocabulary to appropriately support ideas	Uses some science vocabulary to support ideas; at times may be inaccurate	Missing science vocabulary and/or inaccurate usage of the vocabulary
clearly develops ideas with complete support/data	clearly develops idea with support/data	develops ideas with some support/data	supports idea
uses logical reasoning to connect the idea to the supports	uses logical reasoning to connect ideas to the supports	uses some reasoning for ideas	uses unclear reasoning for the supports
organizes the writing logically and purposefully	organizes the writing logically and purposefully	shows an organization plan in the writing	attempts to organize writing
contains minimal errors in conventions that do not interfere with readers' understanding	contains minimal errors in conventions that may interfere with readers' understanding	contains errors in conventions that may interfere with some readers' understandings	contains errors that interfere with the readers' understanding