APPENDIX R ELA Scoring Rubrics- MCAS-ALT

Grade 3-5 English Language Arts Rubric

Text-Based Essay

Idea Development	Conventions	
 QUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL IDEA ** SELECTION AND EXPLANATION OF EVIDENCE/ DETAILS ** ORGANIZATION EXPRESSION OF IDEAS AWARENESS OF PURPOSE FOR WRITING 	SENTENCE STRUCTURE GRAMMAR, USAGE AND MECHANICS	
 Central idea is clear and fully developed Effective selection and explanation of evidence/details Effective organization Clear expression of ideas Full awareness of the purpose for writing 	 Consistent control of a variety of sentence structures relative to length of essay Consistent control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay 	
 Central idea is general and moderately developed Appropriate selection and explanation of evidence/details Moderate organization Adequate expression of ideas Sufficient awareness of the purpose for writing 	Mostly consistent control of sentence structures relative to length of essay Mostly consistent control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay	
Central idea may be present and is somewhat developed Limited selection and explanation of evidence/details Limited organization	 Little control and/or no variety in sentence structure and/or Little control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or insufficient length 	
 Basic expression of ideas Partial awareness of the purpose for writing 	Sentences are formed incorrectly with no control of grammar, usage and mechanics and/or insufficient length	
 Central idea is not present and/or not developed Insufficient evidence/details Minimal or no organization Poor expression of ideas Minimal awareness of the purpose for writing 		
*** The response shows evidence the student has read the text, but does not address the question or incorrectly responds to the question.		

^{**}For narrative writing (Standard 3), the quality and development of narrative elements will be assessed in place of a central idea.

Narrative elements should include but are not limited to: plot, character, setting, dialogue, action, and/or description. Students should use evidence/details to demonstrate understanding of text.

^{***}If a student receives a score of 0 on the Idea Development trait, s/he can receive a maximum of a score of 1 on the Conventions trait. Similarly, if a student receives a score of 0 on the Conventions trait, s/he can receive a maximum of a score of 1 on the Idea Development trait.

Text-Based Essay

Grade 6-8 English Language Arts Rubric

Text-Based Essay

Idea Development		Conventions	
QUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL IDEA **		SENTENCE STRUCTURE	
SELECTION AND EXPLANATION OF EVIDENCE/ DETAILS **		GRAMMAR, USAGE AND MECHANICS	
	IZATION		
EXPRESS	SION OF IDEAS		
	NESS OF TASK AND MODE		
5	 Central idea is insightful and fully developed Skillful selection and explanation of evidence/details Skillful and/or subtle organization Rich expression of ideas Full awareness of the task/mode 	3	 Consistent control of a variety of sentence structures relative to length of essay Consistent control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay
4	 Central idea is clear and well-developed Effective selection and explanation of evidence/details Effective organization Clear expression of ideas Full awareness of the task/mode 	2	Mostly consistent control of sentence structures relative to length of essay Mostly consistent control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or length of essay
3	 Central idea is general and moderately developed Appropriate selection and explanation of evidence/details Moderate organization Adequate expression of ideas Sufficient awareness of the task/mode 	1	Little control and/or no variety in sentence structure and/or Little control of grammar, usage and mechanics relative to complexity and/or insufficient length Sentences are formed incorrectly with no control of grammar, usage and mechanics and/or insufficient length
2	 Central idea may be present and is somewhat developed Limited selection and explanation of evidence/details Limited organization Basic expression of ideas Partial awareness of the task/mode 		
1	 Central idea is not developed Insufficient evidence/details Minimal organization Poor expression of ideas Minimal awareness of the task/mode The response shows evidence the student has read the 		
0	text, but does not address the question or incorrectly responds to the question.		

^{**}For narrative writing (Standard 3), the quality and development of narrative elements will be assessed in place of a central idea.

Narrative elements should include but are not limited to: plot, character, setting, dialogue, action, and/or description. Students should use evidence/details to demonstrate understanding of text.

^{***}If a response receives score of 0 on the Idea Development trait it will receive a maximum score of 1 on the Conventions trait.

Similarly, if a response receives a score of 0 on the Conventions trait it will receive a maximum score of 1 on the Idea Development trait.