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LEAP Connect Achievement Level Descriptors for English Language Arts Grades 3-8 and High School

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Achievement Level Definitions

Achievement Level Definitions briefly describe the expectations for student performance at each of Louisiana's four achievement levels. The achievement levels are part of Louisiana's cohesive assessment system and indicate a student's ability to demonstrate proficiency on the Louisiana Connectors for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities.

Below Goal: A student who performs at below goal level demonstrates a minimal understanding of key academic knowledge and skills
in the Louisiana Connectors for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities when presented with low complexity texts or tasks and
will need substantial academic scaffolds and supports as the student transitions to the next grade/course and progresses toward
inclusive college, career, and community opportunities.

- Near Goal: A student who performs at near goal level demonstrates a partial understanding of key academic knowledge and skills in the Louisiana Connectors for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities when presented with low and moderate complexity texts or tasks and will need moderate academic scaffolds and supports as the student transitions to the next grade/course and progresses toward inclusive college, career, and community opportunities.
- At Goal: A student who performs at goal level demonstrates a satisfactory understanding of key knowledge and skills in the Louisiana Connectors for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities when presented with moderate and high complexity texts or tasks and may need minimal academic scaffolds and supports as the student transitions to the next grade/course and progresses toward inclusive college, career, and community opportunities.
- Above Goal: A student who performs at above goal level demonstrates a thorough understanding of key knowledge and skills in the Louisiana Connectors for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities when presented with high complexity texts or tasks and will need few academic scaffolds and supports as the student transitions to the next grade/course and progresses toward inclusive college, career, and community opportunities.

Scale Score Ranges for LEAP Connect ELA

Level	Grade 3	Grades 4-5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	High School
Above Goal	1290 - 1258	1290 – 1253	1290 – 1250	1290 - 1248	1290 – 1244	1290 – 1259
At Goal	1257 – 1240	1252 – 1240	1249 – 1240	1247 – 1240	1243 – 1240	1258 – 1240
Near Goal	1239 – 1232					
Below Goal	1231 – 1200					

LEAP Connect ELA Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs)

LEAP Connect scale scores are used to assign a student's achievement in science in one of four levels. Achievement Level Descriptors (ALDs) for science further describe the knowledge, skills, and abilities that students generally demonstrate at each performance level. ALDs for ELA grades 3-8 and high school are provided in the following tables.

Task Complexity Descriptions

- Low text complexity: brief text with straightforward ideas and relationships; short, simple sentences
- Moderate text complexity: text with clear, complex ideas and relationships and simple, compound sentences
- **High text complexity**: text with detailed and implied complex ideas and relationships; a variety of sentence types including phrases and transition words

Above Goal	At Goal	Near Goal	Below Goal
High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	Low text complexity:	Low text complexity:
In reading, the student is able to: • determine the central message, lesson, or moral within a literary text, folktale, or fable • determine the main idea and identify supporting details in informational text • determine the main idea of visually presented information • identify the purpose of text features in informational text • use information from charts, maps, graphs, diagrams, photographs, or timelines in informational text to answer questions • use context to identify the meaning of words, phrases, or multiple meaning words	 In reading, the student is able to: determine the central message, lesson, or moral within a literary text, folktale, or fable use details from a literary text to answer inferential questions determine the main idea and identify supporting details in informational text determine the main idea of visually presented information identify the purpose of text features in informational text use information from charts, maps, graphs, diagrams, photographs, or timelines in informational text to answer questions use context to identify the meaning of words, phrases, or multiple meaning words 	 In reading, the student is able to: determine the central message, lesson, or moral within a literary text, folktale, or fable determine the main idea and identify supporting details in informational text determine the main idea of visually presented information identify the purpose of text features in informational text use information from charts, maps, graphs, diagrams, photographs, or timelines in informational text to answer questions use context to identify the meaning of words, phrases, or multiple meaning words 	 In reading, the student is able to: identify the topic of a literary text, informational text, or information presented in diverse media identify a detail from a literary text identify a character, event, conflict, or setting in a literary text identify a title, caption, or heading in an informational text identify an illustration related to a given topic identify a topic presented by an illustration identify the meaning of words (i.e., nouns)
	 use details from a literary text to answer specific and inferential questions describe the relationship between characters, settings, events, or conflicts in literary text AND with accuracy, the student is able to: identify grade-level words 	 use details from a literary text to answer specific questions describe the relationship between characters, settings, events, or conflicts in literary text AND with accuracy, the student is able to: identify simple words (i.e., words with a consonant at the beginning, a consonant at the end, and a short vowel in the middle) 	

Above Goal At Goal Near Goal Below Goal

AND in writing production, the student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate effective development of the task, purpose, and audience.

The student response:

- follows logical organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes and elaborates ideas (e.g., details, activities) that more fully develop the meaning
- shows command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

AND in writing, the student is able to:

 identify an illustration to convey meaning in an informational text

AND in writing production, the student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate <u>satisfactory</u> development of the task, purpose, or audience.

The student response:

- follows logical organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes ideas (e.g., details, activities)
 that contribute to the meaning
- shows basic command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

AND in writing, the student is able to:

- identify elements of a narrative text to include beginning, middle, and end
- identify the category related to a set of facts

AND in writing production, the student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate <u>limited</u> development of the task, purpose, or audience.

The student response:

- includes some organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes some related ideas (e.g., details, activities)
- shows some command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

AND in writing, the student is able to:

 identify a statement related to an everyday topic

AND in writing production, the student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate minimal or no development of the task, purpose, or audience.

The student response:

- includes minimal organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes unrelated or no ideas (e.g., details, activities)
- shows minimal to no command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

Above Goal	At Goal	Near Goal	Below Goal
High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	Low text complexity:	Low text complexity:
In reading, the student is able to: determine the theme of literary text and identify supportive details determine the main idea of informational text explain how the information provided in charts, graphs, diagrams, or timelines contributes to an understanding of informational text use information from charts, graphs, diagrams, or timelines in informational text to answer questions use general academic words or domain-specific words	 In reading, the student is able to: determine the theme of literary text and identify supportive details determine the main idea of informational text explain how the information provided in charts, graphs, diagrams, or timelines contributes to an understanding of informational text use information from charts, graphs, diagrams, or timelines in informational text to answer questions use general academic words or domain-specific words or phrases 	 In reading, the student is able to: determine the theme of literary text and identify supportive details describe character traits using text-based details in literary text determine the main idea of informational text locate information in charts, graphs, diagrams, or timelines use information from charts, graphs, diagrams, or timelines in informational text to answer questions use general academic words or domain-specific words or phrases 	 In reading, the student is able to: identify a topic of a literary text identify a detail from a literary text identify a character in a literary text identify charts, graphs, diagrams, or timelines in an informational text identify a topic of an informational text use context to identify the meaning of multiple meaning words identify general academic words
	 High text complexity: use details and examples from a literary text to answer specific questions describe character traits using text-based details in literary text use context to identify the meaning of words, multiple meaning words, or words showing shades of meaning AND with accuracy, the student is able to: identify grade-level words 	 use details and examples from a literary text to answer specific questions use context to identify the meaning of words, multiple meaning words, or words showing shades of meaning AND with accuracy, the student is able to: identify simple words (i.e., words with a consonant at the beginning, a consonant at the end, and a short vowel in the middle) 	

Above Goal At Goal **Near Goal Below Goal** AND in writing production, the AND in writing, the student is able to: AND in writing, the student is able to: AND in writing, the student is able student is able to: respond to a identify a text feature (e.g., identify elements of a narrative to: writing prompt and demonstrate headings, charts, or diagrams) to text to include beginning, middle, identify the concluding effective development of the task, present information in explanatory and end purpose, and audience. text text identify a concluding sentence related to information in The student response: AND in writing production, the AND in writing production, the explanatory text

- follows logical organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes and elaborates ideas (e.g., details, activities) that more fully develop the meaning
- shows command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate satisfactory development of the task, purpose, and audience.

The student response:

- follows logical organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes ideas (e.g., details, activities) that contribute to the meaning
- shows basic command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

AND in writing production, the **student is able to:** respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate limited development of the task, purpose, and audience.

The student response:

- includes some organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes some related ideas (e.g., details, activities)
- shows some command of the use of conventions. (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

sentence in a short explanatory

student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate minimal or no development of the task, purpose, and audience.

The student response:

- includes minimal organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes unrelated or no ideas (e.g., details, activities)
- shows minimal to no command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

Above Goal	At Goal	Near Goal	Below Goal
High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	Low text complexity:	Low text complexity:
 In reading, the student is able to: compare characters, settings, or events in literary text determine the main idea and identify supporting details in informational text use details from the text to support an author's point in informational text compare and contrast how information and events are presented in two informational texts use context to identify the meaning of words or multiple meaning words 	 In reading, the student is able to: compare characters, settings, or events in literary text determine the main idea and identify supporting details in informational text use details from the text to support an author's point in informational text compare and contrast how information and events are presented in two informational texts use context to identify the meaning of words or multiple meaning words 	 In reading, the student is able to: compare characters, settings, or events in literary text determine the main idea and identify supporting details in informational text use details from the text to support an author's point in informational text compare and contrast how information and events are presented in two informational texts use context to identify the meaning of words or multiple meaning words 	 In reading, the student is able to: identify an event from the beginning of a literary text identify a detail from a literary text identify a character, setting, or event in a literary text identify the topic of an informational text identify the main idea of an informational text identify the difference or similarity in how information is presented in two sentences
	High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	
	 summarize a literary text from beginning to end use details or examples from a literary text to answer specific questions 	 summarize a literary text from beginning to end use details or examples from a literary text to answer specific questions 	

Above Goal At Goal **Near Goal Below Goal** AND in writing production, the AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able student is able to: respond to a to: to: to: writing prompt and demonstrate support an explanatory text topic identify elements of a narrative identify the category related to a effective development of the task, with information related to the text to include beginning, middle, set of common nouns purpose, and audience. topic (e.g., facts, definitions, and end AND in writing production, the concrete details, quotations, or identify a sentence that is The student response: student is able to: respond to a examples) organized logically to convey follows logical organization (e.g., writing prompt and demonstrate information introduction, body, and AND in writing production, the minimal or no development of the conclusion) student is able to: respond to a task, purpose, and audience. AND in writing production, the includes and elaborates ideas student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate The student response: (e.g., details, activities) that more satisfactory development of the task, writing prompt and demonstrate includes minimal organization fully develop the meaning purpose, and audience. limited development of the task, (e.g., introduction, body, and shows command of the use of purpose, and audience. The student response: conclusion) conventions (e.g., punctuation, follows logical organization (e.g., The student response: includes unrelated or no ideas complete sentences, and

- introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes ideas (e.g., details, activities) that contribute to the meaning
- shows basic command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)
- includes some organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes some related ideas (e.g., details, activities)
- shows some command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)
- (e.g., details, activities)
- shows minimal to no command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

Above Goal	At Goal	Near Goal	Below Goal
High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	Low text complexity:	Low text complexity:
 In reading, the student is able to: summarize a literary text from beginning to end without including personal opinions support inferences or conclusions about characters using details in literary text use details from the text to elaborate a key individual, event, or idea in informational text use evidence from the text to support an author's claim in informational text use general academic or domain-specific words or phrases accurately 	 In reading, the student is able to: summarize a literary text from beginning to end without including personal opinions support inferences or conclusions about characters using details in literary text summarize an informational text without including personal opinions use details from the text to elaborate a key individual, event, or idea in informational text use evidence from the text to support an author's claim in informational text summarize information presented in two informational texts use domain-specific words accurately 	 In reading, the student is able to: summarize a literary text from beginning to end without including personal opinions support inferences or conclusions about characters using details in literary text use details from the text to elaborate a key individual, event, or idea in informational text 	 In reading, the student is able to: identify an event from the beginning and end of a literary text identify a detail from a literary text identify a character in a literary text identify the topic of an informational text identify the main idea of an informational text identify a fact from an informational text identify a description of an individual or event in an informational text use context to identify the meaning of multiple meaning words identify the meaning of general
	High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	academic words
	 use details or examples from a literary text to answer specific questions use context to identify the meaning of words or multiple meaning words 	 use details or examples from a literary text to answer specific questions use context to identify the meaning of words or multiple meaning words 	

Above Goal At Goal **Near Goal Below Goal** AND in writing production, the AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able student is able to: respond to a to: to: to: writing prompt and demonstrate identify transition words, identify elements of an identify an everyday order of effective development of the task, phrases, or clauses to convey informative/explanatory text to events purpose, and audience. include introduction, body, and sequence or signal shifts from AND in writing production, the one timeframe or setting to conclusion The student response: student is able to: respond to a another identify the next event in a brief follows logical organization (e.g., writing prompt and demonstrate narrative introduction, body, and AND in writing production, the minimal or no development of the conclusion) student is able to: respond to a task, purpose, and audience. AND in writing production, the student is able to: respond to a includes and elaborates ideas writing prompt and demonstrate The student response: satisfactory development of the task, (e.g., details) that more fully writing prompt and demonstrate includes minimal organization purpose, and audience. limited development of the task, develop the meaning (e.g., introduction, body, and purpose, and audience. shows command of the use of

The student response:

- follows logical organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes ideas (e.g., details) that contribute to the meaning
- shows basic command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

The student response:

- includes some organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes some related ideas (e.g., details)
- shows some command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

- conclusion)
- includes unrelated or no ideas (e.g., details)
- shows minimal to no command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

conventions (e.g., punctuation,

complete sentences, and

Above Goal	At Goal	Near Goal	Below Goal
High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	Low text complexity:	Low text complexity:
 In reading, the student is able to: use details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary from informational text use details to explain how the interactions between individuals, events or ideas in informational texts are influenced by each other use evidence from the text to support an author's claim in informational text compare and contrast how two authors write about the same topic in informational texts use context to identify the meaning of grade-level words or phrases 	 In reading, the student is able to: uses details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary from informational text use details to explain how the interactions between individuals, events or ideas in informational texts are influenced by each other use evidence from the text to support an author's claim in informational text compare and contrast how two authors write about the same topic in informational texts use context to identify the meaning of grade-level words or phrases 	 In reading, the student is able to: identify the relationship between individuals, events, or ideas in an informational text use evidence from the text to support an author's claim in informational text 	 In reading, the student is able to: identify a theme or central idea from a literary text identify an inference from a literary text identify a conclusion from an informational text identify a claim the author makes in an informational text compare and contrast two statements related to the same topic use context to identify the meaning of words
	High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	
	 use details to support the theme or central idea from literary text use details to support conclusions or summaries of a literary text 	 use details to support the theme or central idea from literary text use details to support conclusions or summaries of a literary text 	

Above Goal At Goal **Near Goal Below Goal** AND in writing production, the AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able student is able to: respond to a to: to: to: writing prompt and demonstrate identify a sentence that provides identify elements of an identify a graphic that includes an effective development of the task, event as described in a text a conclusion in narrative text informative/explanatory text to purpose, and audience. include introduction, body, and AND in writing production, the conclusion AND in writing production, the The student response: student is able to: respond to a identify details that describe student is able to: respond to a follows logical organization (e.g., writing prompt and demonstrate experiences or events writing prompt and demonstrate introduction, body, and satisfactory development of the task, minimal or no development of the conclusion) purpose, and audience. AND in writing production, the task, purpose, and audience. student is able to: respond to a includes and elaborates ideas The student response: (e.g., details) that more fully writing prompt and demonstrate The student response: follows logical organization (e.g., limited development of the task, develop the meaning includes minimal organization introduction, body, and shows command of the use of purpose, and audience. (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion) conventions (e.g., punctuation, conclusion) includes ideas (e.g., details) that The student response: complete sentences, and includes unrelated or no ideas includes some organization (e.g., contribute to the meaning

shows basic command of the use

of conventions (e.g., punctuation,

complete sentences, and

subject/verb agreement)

introduction, body, and

complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

includes some related ideas (e.g.,

shows some command of the use

of conventions (e.g., punctuation,

conclusion)

details)

subject/verb agreement)

(e.g., details)

agreement)

shows minimal to no command

of the use of conventions (e.g.,

sentences, and subject/verb

punctuation, complete

Above Goal	At Goal	Near Goal	Below Goal
High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	Low text complexity:	Low text complexity:
 In reading, the student is able to: use details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary from literary text use details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary from informational text identify the information (e.g., facts or quotes) in a section of text that contributes to the whole text or the development of ideas identify an argument or claim the author makes in informational text examine parts of two informational texts to identify 	 In reading, the student is able to: use details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary from literary text use details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary from informational text identify the information (e.g., facts or quotes) in a section of text that contributes to the whole text or the development of ideas identify an argument or claim the author makes in informational text examine parts of two informational texts to identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation use domain-specific words and phrases accurately 	 In reading, the student is able to: use details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary from literary text identify an inference drawn from an informational text identify the portion of text which contains specific information identify an argument or claim the author makes in informational text examine parts of two informational texts to identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation use domain-specific words or phrases accurately 	 In reading, the student is able to: identify a theme or a central idea from a literary text identify an inference from a literary text identify a fact related to a presented argument in informational text identify a similar topic in two informational texts use context to identify the meaning of multiple meaning words identify the meaning of general academic words
where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation	High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	
use general academic and domain-specific words and phrases accurately	 analyze the development of a theme or central idea including its relationship to the characters, setting, or event use context to identify the meaning of grade-level words and phrases 	 analyze the development of a theme or central idea including its relationship to the characters, setting, or event use context to identify the meaning of grade-level words and phrases 	

Above Goal At Goal **Near Goal Below Goal** AND in writing production, the AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able student is able to: respond to a to: to: to: writing prompt and demonstrate identify relevant information identify elements of an identify a writer's opinion on a effective development of the task, (e.g., fact, example, quote) to informative/explanatory text to purpose, and audience. include introduction, body, and support a claim AND in writing production, the conclusion The student response: AND in writing production, the student is able to: respond to a identify an idea relevant to a follows logical organization (e.g., student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate claim introduction, body, and writing prompt and demonstrate minimal or no development of the conclusion) satisfactory development of the task, task, purpose, and audience. AND in writing production, the purpose, and audience. includes and elaborates ideas **student is able to:** respond to a The student response: (e.g., details) that more fully writing prompt and demonstrate The student response: includes minimal organization limited development of the task, develop the meaning follows logical organization (e.g., (e.g., introduction, body, and purpose, and audience. shows command of the use of introduction, body, and conclusion) conventions (e.g., punctuation, conclusion) The student response: includes unrelated or no ideas complete sentences, and

includes some organization (e.g.,

includes some related ideas (e.g.,

shows some command of the use

of conventions (e.g., punctuation,

introduction, body, and

complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)

conclusion)

details)

(e.g., details)

agreement)

shows minimal to no command

of the use of conventions (e.g.,

sentences, and subject/verb

punctuation, complete

includes ideas (e.g., details) that

shows basic command of the use

of conventions (e.g., punctuation,

contribute to the meaning

complete sentences, and

subject/verb agreement)

High School

Above Goal	At Goal	Near Goal	Below Goal
High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	Low text complexity:	Low text complexity:
 In reading, the student is able to: use details to support an inference, a conclusion, or a summary of the plot, purpose, or theme use details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary presented in informational text identify key details that support the development of a central idea of an informational text use details presented in two informational texts to answer a question or solve a problem explain why an author uses specific word choices within texts 	 In reading, the student is able to: use details to support an inference, a conclusion, or a summary of the plot, purpose, or theme use details to support an inference, conclusion, or summary presented in informational text identify key details that support the development of a central idea of an informational text use details presented in two informational texts to answer a question or solve a problem explain why an author uses specific word choices within texts 	 In reading, the student is able to: use details to support an inference, a conclusion, or a summary of the plot, purpose, or theme identify a conclusion from an informational text identify key details that support the development of a central idea of an informational text use details presented in two informational texts to answer a question or solve a problem explain why an author uses specific word choices within texts 	 In reading, the student is able to: identify a summary of a literary text identify an element of a story's plot identify the central idea of an informational text identify facts from an informational text identify what an author tells about a topic in informational text Use context as a clue to determine the meaning of a word in text identify a word used to describe
specific word choices within texts	High text complexity:	Moderate text complexity:	a person, place, thing, action, or event
	 evaluate how the author's use of specific details in literary text contributes to the overall structure and meaning of the text determine an author's point of view about a topic or purpose in informational text use context to identify the meaning of grade-level words or phrases 	 evaluate how the author's use of specific details in literary text contributes to the overall structure and meaning of the text determine an author's point of view about a topic or purpose in informational text use context to identify the meaning of grade-level words or phrases 	

Above Goal At Goal **Near Goal Below Goal** AND in writing production, the AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able AND in writing, the student is able **student is able to:** respond to a to: to: writing prompt and demonstrate identify elements of an argument identify relevant information to identify information which is effective development of the task, address a given topic and support to include introduction, body, unrelated to a given topic purpose, and audience. the purpose of a text and conclusion AND in writing production, the identify how to group The student response: AND in writing production, the student is able to: respond to a information for a specific text follows logical organization (e.g., student is able to: respond to a writing prompt and demonstrate structure introduction, body, and writing prompt and demonstrate minimal or no development of the satisfactory development of the task, conclusion) task, purpose, and audience. AND in writing production, the purpose, and audience. includes and elaborates ideas student is able to: respond to a The student response: (e.g., facts/examples) that more writing prompt and demonstrate The student response: includes minimal organization fully develop the meaning limited development of the task, (e.g., introduction, body, and follows logical organization (e.g., purpose, and audience. shows command of the use of introduction, body, and conclusion) conventions (e.g., punctuation, conclusion) The student response: includes unrelated or no ideas complete sentences, and

includes ideas (e.g.,

to the meaning

facts/examples) that contribute

shows basic command of the use

of conventions (e.g., punctuation,

complete sentences, and

subject/verb agreement)

- includes some organization (e.g., introduction, body, and conclusion)
- includes some related ideas (e.g., facts/examples)
- shows some command of the use of conventions. (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)
- (e.g., facts/examples)
- shows minimal to no command of the use of conventions (e.g., punctuation, complete sentences, and subject/verb agreement)