



BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Descriptive Writing Rubric- 3rd Grade

	ADVANCED-4	PROFICIENT-3	MAKING PROGRESS-2	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT-1
Writing Application Genre Characteristics	- Clearly describes people, places, things or experiences - Uses a variety of interesting adjectives that give a vivid image of the person/place/thing (e.g. similes, metaphors) - Uses precise active verbs	- Describes people, places, things, or experiences - Uses simple, sensory adjectives to provide an image of the person/place/thing - Uses active verbs	- Minimally describes people, places, things, or experiences - Uses simple adjectives - Limited use of active verbs	- Lacks a description of people, places, things, or experiences - Includes a few or no adjectives - Uses no active verbs
Writing Strategies - Organization - Focus (Topic) - Penmanship	- Clearly addresses all parts of the writing task - Includes a clearly presented central idea with relevant facts, details, and/or explanations - Maintains a consistent point of view, focus, and organizational structure	- Addresses all parts of the writing task - Presents a central idea with mostly relevant facts, details, and/or explanations - Maintains a mostly consistent point of view, focus, and organizational structure	- Addresses some parts of the writing task - Suggests a central idea with limited facts, details, and/or explanations - Maintains an inconsistent point of view, focus, and/or organizational structure	- Off topic or fails to address the writing task - Lacks a central idea but may contain marginally related facts, details, and/or explanations
Written Conventions - Sentence Structure - Grammar - Punctuation - Capitalization - Spelling	- Includes a variety of sentence types - Contains a few or no errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors do not interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.	- Includes a variety of sentence types - Contains some errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors do not interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.	- Includes little variety of sentence types - Contains several errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors may interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.	- Lacks variety of sentence types - Contains serious errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.