

Editorial Evaluation Rubric

Code

Cate- gory	Grade	District #	Student #
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Dear Yahara River Writer,

All authors develop their skills through practice. Those skills grow ever more quickly when an author shares his or her work. Part of this sharing is the opportunity to learn about the things that can be improved. We hope this rubric will help you to be the best author you can be. Thank you for your entry!

Yahara River Writer Judges

Required Formatting Element

- Maximum of 475 words

EDITORIALS	Basic/Minimal	Proficient	Advanced
1 Choice of topic, narrowing the issue	1 2 Issue is too broad and/or is trivial. Clear opinion statement is missing.	3 4 A topic and opinion statement is present. Further clarification is needed.	5 6 The issue is narrow enough to lend itself to 2-3 convincing arguments.
2 Evidence to support viewpoint	1 2 Little or no evidence is presented to support ideas.	3 4 The writer has presented evidence, but it lacks focus, is not complete, or is not unified.	5 6 Appropriate evidence from a variety of sources clearly supports the argument.
3 Use of language	1 2 Word choice and sentence clarity are limited and/or vague.	3 4 Contains some descriptive vocabulary. Contains figurative language that clarifies ideas.	5 6 Vivid word choice and sentence variety create convincing writing.
4 Organization	1 2 Lacks organization or is poorly organized.	3 4 Is organized with arguments in logical sequence that allows for easy reading.	5 6 Is well organized with smooth transitions and a logical flow of ideas.
5 Editing	1 2 Contains distracting errors in spelling, grammar, and/or mechanics.	3 4 Contains limited errors in grammar and mechanics. No spelling errors.	5 6 Spelling, grammar, and mechanics are clear and accurate.

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