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ELL/ESL Writing Level

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Class \_\_\_\_\_

To be used with an unedited writing sample (CMGE assessment writing sample or classroom sample). These expectations vary according to the age and grade of the student.

SUPPORT LEVEL	CMGE 1	CMGE 2	CMGE 3	CMGE 4	CMGE 5
<b>Snapshot</b>	<i>Represents ideas through pictures, letters, words or first language</i>	<i>Writes ideas phrases, short sentences or a basic paragraph on a familiar topic</i>	<i>Writes ideas in sentences or a paragraph (s) on familiar or subject area topics</i>	<i>Writes ideas in clear, detailed and connected sentences, or paragraphs on many topics</i>	<i>Writes clearly in a variety of genres for different purposes in detailed interesting manner</i>
<b>VOCABULARY</b> Choice and range of vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses pictures, letters or common words</li> <li>Uses common vocab on familiar topics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses common words</li> <li>Uses familiar high frequency words</li> <li>Uses some simple prepositions e.g. <i>over, under, on</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses common vocabulary</li> <li>Uses some specialized academic content vocabulary</li> <li>Uses <b>more</b> prepositions e.g. <i>above, between</i></li> <li>Sometimes uses figurative language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses descriptive vocabulary</li> <li>Uses specialized academic content vocabulary</li> <li>Uses many prepositions and two-word verbs accurately</li> <li>Uses figurative language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses varied descriptive vocabulary</li> <li>Uses a wide range of specialized academic content vocabulary</li> <li>Uses uncommon prepositions</li> <li>Uses figurative language effectively</li> </ul>
<b>MEANING</b> Convey intended meaning/ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes letters, basic words or phrases, Meaning is not clear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes simple phrases or sentences</li> <li>Few details to support meaning</li> <li>May connect basic ideas using conjunctions: <i>or, and</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes using phrases and sentences</li> <li>Meaning has some details and is comprehensible</li> <li>Combines ideas using compound sentences with words such as <i>and, or, but, because</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes a clear, descriptive message with elaboration</li> <li>Uses compound or complex sentences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes a sophisticated and interesting message for intended purpose</li> <li>Uses complex sentences</li> <li>Provides supporting details and examples</li> </ul>
<b>FORM</b> Organization, Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses pictures, First Language</li> <li>Organizes ideas using letters or common words with omissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses phrases, sentences or simple paragraph</li> <li>Uses a few transition words : <i>first, second</i></li> <li>Conveys an idea with some basic details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses sentences or paragraphs</li> <li>Uses some transition words: <i>first, then, finally</i></li> <li>Writes on topic with some clear details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses several connected and developed sentences or paragraphs</li> <li>Uses higher transition words <i>therefore, however</i></li> <li>Organizes ideas with a sense of beginning, middle and end</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses purposeful language</li> <li>Uses a variety of effective transition words <i>furthermore, in spite of, due to</i></li> <li>Organizes ideas clearly in a paragraph or multi-paragraphs</li> </ul>
<b>CONVENTIONS</b> Capitals, Punctuation, Spelling and Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempts capitalization and periods</li> <li>Attempts to spell some familiar words</li> <li>Attempts present tense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses some punctuation and uses capitalization at beginning of sentence</li> <li>Spells basic words with some accuracy and uses invented spelling</li> <li>Uses present tense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses common punctuation and capitals</li> <li>Spells academic words with some accuracy</li> <li>Uses simple present, past, future tense with some accuracy</li> <li>Uses some subject/verb agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses capitals, commas and periods and other common punctuation</li> <li>Spells familiar and many academic words with accuracy</li> <li>Uses various verb tenses</li> <li>Uses consistent subject/verb agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses capitalization and a variety of punctuation with accuracy</li> <li>Spells many academic words with accuracy</li> <li>Uses a variety of verb tenses with accuracy</li> <li>Uses a range of subject/verb agreement</li> </ul>