

**ISTEP+ Writing Applications Overview**  
**Grades 6–12**

Score Level	Ideas and Content	Organization	Style	Voice
	Does the writing sample:	Does the writing sample:	Does the writing sample:	Does the writing sample:
<b>6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully accomplish the task?</li> <li>• Include thorough, relevant, and complete ideas?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize ideas logically?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit exceptional word usage?</li> <li>• Demonstrate exceptional writing technique?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate effective adjustment of language and tone to task and reader?</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully accomplish the task?</li> <li>• Include many relevant ideas?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize ideas logically?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit very good word usage?</li> <li>• Demonstrate very good writing technique?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate effective adjustment of language and tone to task and reader?</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accomplish the task?</li> <li>• Include relevant ideas?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize ideas logically?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit good word usage?</li> <li>• Demonstrate good writing technique?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate an attempt to adjust language and tone to task and reader?</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimally accomplish the task?</li> <li>• Include some relevant ideas?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit an attempt to organize ideas logically?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit ordinary word usage?</li> <li>• Demonstrate average writing technique?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate an attempt to adjust language and tone to task and reader?</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only partially accomplish the task?</li> <li>• Include few relevant ideas?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit a minimal attempt to organize ideas logically?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit minimal word usage?</li> <li>• Demonstrate minimal writing technique?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate language and tone that may be inappropriate to task and reader?</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fail to accomplish the task?</li> <li>• Include very few relevant ideas?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize ideas illogically?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit less than minimal word usage?</li> <li>• Demonstrate less than minimal writing technique?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate language and tone that may be inappropriate to task and reader?</li> </ul>