

## CONVENTIONS RUBRIC

<p><b>1 - Errors in grade appropriate spelling, arithmetic, punctuation, usage and grammar, capitalization, sentence structure and/or paragraphing repeatedly distract the reader and make the text difficult to read and/or change the problem. More than one of the following problems is likely to be evident:</b></p>	<p><b>3 - The writer shows reasonable control over a limited range of grade appropriate standard writing conventions. The writer handles some conventions well but may make some errors that do not significantly distract the reader.</b></p>	<p><b>5 - The writer demonstrates a good grasp of grade appropriate standard writing conventions (grammar, capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling, sentence structure, paragraphing, and arithmetic) and uses them effectively to enhance readability. Errors tend to be so few and minor the reader can easily skim right over them unless specifically searching for them.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Errors in grammar and usage are very noticeable and interfere with meaning.</li> <li>• Punctuation/capitalization is often missing or incorrect.</li> <li>• Spelling errors are frequent, even on common words and on math words.</li> <li>• The formulas/properties used are not appropriate for the problem.</li> <li>• The arithmetic has many errors. Order of operations is done incorrectly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usage and grammar are almost always correct.</li> <li>• External punctuation is almost always correct; grade appropriate internal punctuation is present.</li> <li>• Spelling is usually correct on high frequency words and math words, and some more difficult words may be misspelled.</li> <li>• The correct formulas/properties are present; however, some errors may occur in their use.</li> <li>• All arithmetic is done correctly, or a tiny error is present. Order of operations is followed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grammar and usage are correct and contribute to clarity and style.</li> <li>• Internal punctuation and external punctuation contain few, if any, errors and guide the reader through the text. <b><u>[All writing is in complete sentences with capitals and periods]</u></b></li> <li>• Spelling is almost always correct, even on more difficult words. <b><u>[All math words are spelled correctly and used in the right way. All words in the explanation are spelled correctly.]</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>[The correct formulas or properties are chosen and used correctly.]</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>[All arithmetic and operations are done correctly. Order of operations is followed.]</u></b></li> </ul>