

**Arkansas Department of Education**  
**National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**  
**WRITING RUBRIC**

<b>WRITING CRITERIA</b>	<b>4 ADVANCED</b>	<b>3 PROFICIENT</b>	<b>2 BASIC</b>	<b>1 BELOW BASIC</b>
<b>Content</b>	Applicant exhibits exceptional control in identifying central idea from the prompt including specific examples showing organized thought.	Applicant exhibits adequate control in identifying central idea from the prompt including specific examples showing organized thought.	Applicant exhibits minimal control in identifying central idea from the prompt including specific examples showing organized thought.	Applicant exhibits no control in identifying central idea from the prompt including specific examples showing organized thought.
<b>Style</b>	Applicant exhibits exceptional control in essential control in establishing voice and clarity.	Applicant exhibits adequate control in establishing voice and clarity.	Applicant exhibits minimal control in establishing voice and clarity.	Applicant exhibits no control in establishing voice and clarity.
<b>Sentence Formation</b>	Applicant exhibits exceptional control in using complex sentences with embedding and coordination.	Applicant exhibits adequate control in using complex sentences with embedding and coordination.	Applicant exhibits minimal control in using complex sentences with embedding and coordination.	Applicant exhibits no control in using complex sentences with embedding and coordination.
<b>Usage</b>	Applicant exhibits exceptional control in using correct subject/verb agreement and standard convention.	Applicant exhibits adequate control in using correct subject/verb agreement and standard convention.	Applicant exhibits minimal control in using correct subject/verb agreement and standard convention.	Applicant exhibits no control in using correct subject/verb agreement and standard convention.
<b>Mechanics</b>	Applicant exhibits exceptional control in using proper capitalization and punctuation.	Applicant exhibits adequate control in using proper capitalization and punctuation.	Applicant exhibits minimal control in using proper capitalization and punctuation.	Applicant exhibits no control in using proper capitalization and punctuation.