

District Writing Test (DWT)

Grades/Students

Eligible students in grades 4-10

Date

This assessment is administered in the Fall of each school year.

Description

The District Writing Test is a locally-developed test used to monitor student writing progress. Students read a stimulus about a single topic, plan a response to a writing prompt, produce a written response, and revise and edit the response. The prompt requires the students to write an informative/explanatory, opinion, or argumentative piece of writing. The stimulus will consist of two to four texts. The stimulus will be presented along with a writing prompt that asks students to write an essay about the topic. The students will be required to synthesize information from the text sets and must cite specific evidence from the texts to support their ideas.

Results

Written pieces will be scored using a text-based rubric for a possible 10 total points. Score points are awarded across three domains including purpose, focus and organization (4-points); evidence and elaboration (4-points); and conventions of standard English (2-points).

Results should be used to target instruction. The students' written responses will help teachers make informed decisions about reading and writing instruction.

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