

## District Writing Test (DWT)

### Grades/Students

Eligible students in grades 1-10.

### Date

Administered in the Fall and Spring of each school year.

### Description

The District Writing Test is a criterion-referenced, locally-developed test used to monitor student writing progress. Writing prompts are administered in the Fall and Spring on Pre- and Post- bases. Students have 45 minutes to plan and to produce a written response to a writing prompt. The prompt requires the students to write an expository, narrative, or persuasive piece of writing.

### Results

Results are immediately available to teachers and schools for targeting instruction. Written pieces are scored holistically based on a rubric with scores ranging from a low of one (1) to a high of six (6) with an “unscorable” category for responses that did not address the assigned writing task. Four areas are targeted in the scoring process: focus, organization, supporting details, and conventions (punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and variation in sentence structure).

### Basis of Test

District mandate for state-sanctioned schools. It may be administered by other schools for instructional purposes, progress reporting, or as a measure for their School Improvement Plans.

### Website

None available.

### Local Contact

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