

STATE ASSESSMENT RUBRICS

NJSLA-A Grade 9 and NJGPA-A Conventions Rubric

Grades 9-12

5 points total

1 criterion

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The NJ NJSLA-A Grade 9 and NJGPA-A Conventions Rubric scored out of 5 points across 1 criteria, for narrative, informative, argumentative writing at grades 9-12.

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Conventions only. This scores grammar, usage and mechanics, not the writing itself. It is a companion to the full rubric for the same task and grade band.

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How it is scored

CRITERION	POINTS	LEVELS
Conventions	5	5
Total	5	

The full rubric

Conventions · 5 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
5 pts	The response demonstrates command of conventions in a written response to an on-demand prompt. Characteristics: Demonstrates command of the system and structure of the English language; Demonstrates command of capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and usage; Demonstrates effective language choices for meaning or style.
4 pts	The response demonstrates general command of conventions. Characteristics: Demonstrates general command of the system and structure of the English language; Demonstrates general command of capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and usage; Demonstrates generally effective language choices for meaning or style.
3 pts	The response demonstrates basic command of conventions. Characteristics: Demonstrates partial command of the system and structure of the English language; Demonstrates partial command of capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and usage; Demonstrates somewhat effective language choices for meaning or style.

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
2 pts	The response demonstrates limited command of conventions. Characteristics: Demonstrates limited command of the system and structure of the English language; Demonstrates limited command of capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and usage; Demonstrates limited effectiveness of language choices for meaning or style.
1 pt	The response demonstrates minimal command of conventions. Characteristics: Demonstrates minimal command of the system and structure of the English language; Demonstrates minimal or no command of capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and usage; Demonstrates minimal effectiveness of language choices for meaning or style.

Scoring record

Student	Assignment	Date

CRITERION	SCORE	COMMENTS
Conventions	/ 5	
Total	/ 5	

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