

***ISTEP+* Writing Applications Overview**
Grades 6–12

Score Level	Ideas and Content	Organization	Style	Voice
	Does the writing sample:	Does the writing sample:	Does the writing sample:	Does the writing sample:
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully accomplish the task? • Include thorough, relevant, and complete ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize ideas logically? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit exceptional word usage? • Demonstrate exceptional writing technique? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate effective adjustment of language and tone to task and reader?
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully accomplish the task? • Include many relevant ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize ideas logically? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit very good word usage? • Demonstrate very good writing technique? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate effective adjustment of language and tone to task and reader?
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accomplish the task? • Include relevant ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize ideas logically? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit good word usage? • Demonstrate good writing technique? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an attempt to adjust language and tone to task and reader?
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimally accomplish the task? • Include some relevant ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit an attempt to organize ideas logically? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit ordinary word usage? • Demonstrate average writing technique? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an attempt to adjust language and tone to task and reader?
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only partially accomplish the task? • Include few relevant ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit a minimal attempt to organize ideas logically? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit minimal word usage? • Demonstrate minimal writing technique? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate language and tone that may be inappropriate to task and reader?
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fail to accomplish the task? • Include very few relevant ideas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize ideas illogically? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit less than minimal word usage? • Demonstrate less than minimal writing technique? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate language and tone that may be inappropriate to task and reader?

NOTE: This chart is only a brief summary of the score points. It is not appropriate to use this summary as the sole tool in scoring student papers. The more in-depth Writing Development Rubric is used for the actual scoring of *ISTEP+* student papers.