

Florida B.E.S.T and MY Access!® Rubric Alignment Grades 7-10 Expository

Florida B.E.S.T Expository	MY Access! Informative/Expository
Purpose/Structure	Focus and Purpose
Central idea is focused on the task and consistently maintained throughout. • Organizational structure strengthens the response and allows for the advancement of the central idea. • Purposeful transitional strategies connect ideas within and among paragraphs and create cohesion. • Effective introduction and conclusion	 Demonstrates a thorough and insightful understanding of the task, purpose, and audience. Establishes and maintains a clearly focused thesis/controlling idea throughout the response. Completes all parts of the task and may go beyond the limits of the task.
enhance the essay	Organization
	 Very effectively demonstrates a cohesive and unified structure that supports the thesis/central idea with an engaging introduction and a strong conclusion. Uses effective and skillful paragraphing and transitional strategies throughout.
Development	Content & Development
 Skillful development demonstrates thorough understanding of the topic. Effective elaboration may include original student writing combined with (but may not be limited to) paraphrasing, text evidence, examples, definitions, narrative, and/or rhetorical techniques as appropriate to support the central idea. Smoothly integrated, relevant evidence from multiple sources lends credibility to the essay. Evidence is appropriately cited. 	 Develops ideas by adeptly integrating specific details and/or citing credible, source-based evidence to support the thesis/controlling idea. (e.g., concrete details, facts, examples, quotes, statistics, and explanations). Uses a variety of elaborative techniques.
Language	Language, Use, Voice, and Style
Integration of academic vocabulary strengthens and furthers ideas.	 Demonstrates a very effective style, precise control of language, domain-specific word choice, and a well-defined sense of audience. Uses well-structured and varied sentences.



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- Skillful use of **varied sentence structure** contributes to fluidity of ideas.
- Use of standard English grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling demonstrates consistent command of the communication of ideas.
- Tone and/or voice strengthens the overall response.

Mechanics and Conventions

 Contains few or no errors in grammar, mechanics, punctuation and spelling.