

HKIS 6 Traits Writing Rubric

	Developing towards Grade Level Expectation	Approaching the Grade Level Expectation	Meeting the Grade Level Expectation	Exceeding the Grade Level Expectation
<b>IDEAS:</b> <i>the central message supported by enriching detail</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>main idea is unclear</li> <li>limited or confusing detail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>emerging central idea</li> <li>some connection to the topic</li> <li>some appropriate details included</li> <li>leaves some unanswered questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>main idea is clear</li> <li>directly addresses the topic</li> <li>relevant and appropriate details engages the reader</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of ideas is original and innovative, demonstrating maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</li> </ul>
<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> <i>the internal structure, the thread of central meaning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>problems with organization make the text difficult to follow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has a recognizable introduction</li> <li>has a recognizable conclusion</li> <li>makes an attempt to use transitions</li> <li>paragraphing is effective at times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has an effective introduction</li> <li>has an effective conclusion</li> <li>uses effective transitions</li> <li>sequencing is logical</li> <li>paragraphing is consistently effective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organization demonstrates a maturity or sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</li> </ul>
<b>VOICE:</b> <i>the unique perspective and style of the writer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>voice is limited</li> <li>voice suits purpose and audience at times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>voice is mostly engaging</li> <li>voice mostly suits purpose and audience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>voice is consistently engaging</li> <li>voice is appropriate to purpose and audience</li> <li>voice is sustained throughout the text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voice is consistently compelling, original, and moving, demonstrating maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</li> </ul>
<b>WORD CHOICE,</b> <i>precise and vivid language that moves and engages the reader</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>word choice is limited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repetitive use of words and phrases</li> <li>words sometimes used inappropriately</li> <li>words are adequate but basic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>word choice enhances and clarifies meaning and is consistently:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>precise</li> <li>accurate</li> <li>effective</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word choice demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</li> </ul>
<b>SENTENCE FLUENCY:</b> <i>the rhythm, flow and sound of language</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>errors in sentence construction impair fluency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sentences are usually effective and:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are mostly well constructed</li> <li>include some variety in length, structure, and beginnings</li> <li>are mostly fluent</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sentences are consistently effective and:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are well constructed</li> <li>vary in length and structure</li> <li>begin in a variety of ways</li> <li>flow smoothly</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sentence fluency demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</li> </ul>
<b>CONVENTIONS:</b> <i>the mechanical correctness of the piece</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>errors in conventions distract the reader and make the text difficult to follow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conventions are mostly correct, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>grammar/usage</li> <li>spelling</li> <li>punctuation</li> <li>paragraphing/formatting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conventions are consistently correct, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>grammar/usage</li> <li>spelling</li> <li>punctuation</li> <li>paragraphing/formatting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of conventions demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.</li> </ul>

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Success is hard, I'm telling you. My road to success was something many people can't believe. I would lie in my bed, staring at the ceiling and sometimes fear failure. I was young, 16 to be precise. That's when I started my road to fame. During the next few years, I faced the most treacherous obstacles and difficult decisions of my life. I almost wanted to hang my jersey and pull off my shoes. That never happened, do you know why? It's because I believed in myself. I had the drive to improve and overcame days worth of failure, which broke my heart. This is what led me to who I am today. I stayed up for hours practicing and trying out new things. I discovered failure, which I turned into a mistake so that I could improve on it and fix it. The hard work and failure pays off, success does feel good. It's like winning an award. It's an achievement which could stay with you forever. I want to help you, yes you the reader, to your road to success. Just follow my three main characteristics of a successful person and you can become one. I believe that resilience, passion and determination are the key to success.

First of all, resilience plays a very important role in success. Resilience is about never giving up. Even when in the biggest fear of failure, don't give up. Everyone has bad days, that's the part of life and it's what makes someone successful. Bad days should influence you to keep going. Just remember that failure is never an option. Don't get caught up criticizing yourself because you failed. People have failed over a hundred times, but that is what leads to new creations and makes them more successful. Don't lose hope in yourself. Hope is what keeps you together. Once you lose it, it's hard to retrieve and you have lost the effort you have put in. Giving up and losing resilience can affect your passion about whatever you're doing, which leads us to why passion is so important.

In addition to resilience, passion about whatever you want to do leads someone to success. You need to love what you do. Isn't that why you're doing it.

What's the point of hating what you're doing. You're just wasting time and time is precious. We only live once and if you want to enjoy and live your life to the fullest, then might as well do the things you are most passionate about. If you are that sort of person who waits for success to come, pick yourself up. You never know how much longer you will live so you better get started. I play soccer for a living because I love it. It is something I could do for the rest of my life. That is why I became a soccer player, its because I wanted to dive into my passion and share the love of the game with others. Passion is what drives you to improve which relates to determination, a key characteristic of any successful person. ✓

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In conclusion of the three important characteristics of a successful person is determination, where improvements can result in greater success.

Determination is something I always had in my blood within me since a little child. I would walk onto the soccer pitch with bugs of determination crawling all over my skin. I wanted to play every match like it was a final. I would try my hardest, chasing the ball up and down the pitch until I had cramps and lost my breath. I was determined to improve everytime I failed, which lead me to more success. See, if you are determined, you will always look for ways to improve. When being determined, you have to sacrifice a lot of things, but taking risks is what leads to improvements. Being determined is having this drive within you always wanting you to do better. Without taking risks, come no improvements. Why be scared of taking risks when it could result in glory. Determination is what made me a very successful man, it helped me improve each time, which set a legacy impossible to beat. ✓

To wrap things up, success is hard to achieve. In order to succeed, you need to sacrifice hours of your life practicing and taking new risks. But, once your road of obstacles have been completed, you will feel good about yourself. Success makes you feel proud. It could take you up to a decade or overnight but no matter how long it takes you to achieve it, it still feels very special. The most important characteristics of success include passion, determination and resilience. If you follow these three characteristics, I am sure that you can become just as successful as me. ✓