

**Sanborn Regional School District  
Focus Correction Areas**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Writing purposes to emphasize</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Narrative</li> <li>✓ Multiple paragraph essays</li> <li>✓ Descriptive Writing</li> <li>✓ Debate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Analytical/Expository</li> <li>✓ Persuasive</li> <li>✓ Establish and maintain a clear purpose</li> <li>✓ Compare and Contrast</li> <li>✓ Definition</li> <li>✓ Critique</li> <li>✓ Poetry-Descriptive</li> </ul>
<b>Focus Correction Areas</b>  <b>Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clear topic sentences</li> <li>▪ Conclusions that summarize</li> <li>▪ Details support the topic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interesting attention getting introductions (hooks)</li> <li>▪ Conclusions with strong clinchers</li> <li>▪ Information and details are relevant to purpose</li> </ul>
<b>Focus Correction Areas</b>  <b>Style</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sentences vary in length</li> <li>▪ Word choice fits topic</li> <li>▪ Active verbs</li> <li>▪ Adjectives use senses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sentence variety(varied beginnings and lengths)</li> <li>▪ Effective word choice</li> <li>▪ Powerful verbs</li> </ul>
<b>Focus Correction Areas</b>  <b>Organization</b>	<p>Complete paragraphs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ topic sentence</li> <li>▪ supporting details</li> <li>▪ concluding</li> </ul> <p>Five paragraph essay format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ thesis</li> <li>▪ supporting paragraphs</li> <li>▪ conclusion</li> </ul> <p>Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Logical order or sequence maintained</li> </ul>	<p>Complete paragraphs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Topic sentence</li> <li>▪ supporting details</li> <li>▪ concluding sentence(clincher)</li> <li>▪ logical transitions</li> </ul> <p>Five paragraph essay format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ thesis</li> <li>▪ supporting paragraphs</li> <li>▪ conclusion</li> </ul> <p>Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Logical/value order or sequence maintained</li> </ul>
<b>Focus Correction Areas</b>  <b>Conventions</b>	<p>Complete sentences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ no fragments</li> <li>▪ no run-ons</li> <li>▪ no capital or end mark mistakes</li> </ul> <p>Punctuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apostrophes</li> <li>▪ Commas</li> <li>▪ Quotation marks</li> </ul>	<p>Complete sentences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tone</li> <li>▪ Style</li> </ul> <p>Punctuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Semi-colons</li> <li>▪ Colons</li> </ul>
<b>Focus Correction Areas</b>  <b>Legibility</b>	<p>Final Copy Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ typed size 10-12 font</li> <li>▪ double spaced</li> <li>▪ Cursive if handwritten</li> <li>▪ blue/black ink if appropriate</li> </ul>	<p>Final Copy Form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ typed size 10-12 font</li> <li>▪ double spaced</li> <li>▪ Cursive if handwritten</li> <li>▪ blue/black ink if appropriate</li> </ul>