

**Sanborn Regional School District
Focus Correction Areas**

Grade	3	4
Writing purposes to emphasize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Friendly letter ✓ Imaginative-complete story ✓ Analytical-journal writing; learnal ✓ Sensory descriptive-poetry ✓ Practical/informative-interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Personal Narrative ✓ Informational ✓ Creative Writing
Focus Correction Areas Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion/fact sentences • Topic sentence with 3 supporting details • Passage containing _____comparing/similarity sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic sentence with three to five relevant supporting details • Use content vocabulary • Clear statement of purpose or belief
Focus Correction Areas Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivid language; varied/awesome adjectives • Sentence variety; varied beginnings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 star sentences • Sentence variety: beginnings, length, statement, questions, exclamations, commands • Catchy/interesting leads; use of question, dialogue, action, surprising fact or statement • Vivid language: specific nouns, powerful verbs, adverbs, adjectives
Focus Correction Areas Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collin's format; margin, heading, skipping "X" ed lines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logical order: beginning/middle/end, chronological, order of importance • Write in paragraph form • Use specific formats: ie Haiku
Focus Correction Areas Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End marks; ".", "?", "!" in all sentences • Capitalize; proper nouns • Spells third grade word wall words correctly • Complete sentences; subject/verb/adjective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use complete sentences • Avoid fragments/run-ons • Use proper capitalization • Use proper punctuation: commas in quotations and compound sentences, quotation marks, apostrophes in possessives and contractions • Spell fourth grade spelling words correctly
Focus Correction Areas Legibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct letter formation; using paper lines as a guide • Neat/easy to read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legible use of cursive writing • Indent margins of paragraphs