Grade 2: Opinion Writing Rubric with WIDA language proficiency levels

	Significantly Below WIDA Entering	Below Grade Level WIDA Emerging	Approaching Grade Level WIDA Developing/Expanding	Meets Grade Level WIDA: Bridging/Reaching
Ideas Writes opinion piece in which they introduce the topic and state an opinion with reasons (W.2.1)	1~Uses a combination of dictating and writing in which they tell their opinion; 1~Uses L1, single words or phrases to support their opinion	 2~Writes a sentence stating an opinion using a sentence starter; 2~Uses teacher supported graphic organizer with sentence frame to state reasons for opinion. 	3~Writes an opinion piece that states an opinion with a teacher supported graphic organizer; 3~Includes reasons;	4~Writes an opinion piece that clearly states an opinion; 4~Includes reasons to support the opinion;
Organization Introduces topic, states an opinion, supplies reasons that support the opinion, and provides a concluding section. (W.2.1)	1~Attempts an introduction with an opinion and the support of a sentence frame. 1~Attempts to convey information using L1 or pictures/ single words or ideas 1~May attempt to write a conclusion using a formulaic ending (i.e. the end)	2~Attempts an introduction with an opinion and the support of a sentence starter; 2~Attempts to provide reasons that support the opinion with sentence frame to state reasons for opinion; 2~Attempts to write a conclusion with a sentence frame;	 3~Writes an introduction stating the opinion; 3~ Provides reasons that support the conclusion 3~Writes a recognizable conclusion; 	4~Writes a strong introduction that states the opinion; 4~ Provides reasons that support the opinion; 4~Writes a well-formulated conclusion that restates the opinion
Sentence Fluency Uses linking words (i.e. because, and also) to connect opinion and reasons. (W.2.1) Uses sentence varieties (simple, compound, prepositional phrases and time clauses) (L.2.1f)	1 ~May write sentences with common verbs (is/are; have/has) using a sentence frame, single words and/or copied text	 2 ~May link opinions and reasons using sentence frames (i.e. because, and also) 2 ~Communicates with single words, phrases, or short sentences. 2 ~Uses formulaic or practiced sentences. 2 ~May attempt to show time 	3~Links opinions and reasons using words from a word bank (i.e. because, and, also) 3 ~Uses some sentence variety (simple, compound) 3 ~Attempts to use some prepositional phrases 3 ~Uses one or more time clauses with a word bank	4~ Uses linking words (i.e. because, and also) to connect opinion and reasons 4 ~ Varies sentence structure to make the piece more interesting to read (simple & compound) 4 ~ Uses a range of prepositional phrases 4 ~ Uses varied time clauses
Word Choice Uses common verbs and past tense irregular verbs (L.2.1d) Uses adjectives and adverbs (L.2.1e) Uses specific vocabulary and phrases (L.2.1a,b,c)	1~Uses common vocabulary	2 ~Uses common verbs 2 ~Uses simple adjectives 2 ~Uses some specific content words with the support of a word bank	3 ~Uses common verbs and the past tense of irregular verbs 3 ~Uses common adjectives and some more descriptive ones 3 ~Uses some adverbs 3 ~Uses some specific / technical vocabulary	4 ~Uses a range of verbs 4 ~Uses a range of adjectives 4 ~Uses a range of adverbs 4 ~Uses specific vocabulary and phrases

Conventions	1 ~Copies words correctly	2 ~Spells some grade	3 ∼Spells many grade	4 ~Spells grade appropriate
Spells grade appropriate	1 ~Uses an alphabet chart or	appropriate words correctly	appropriate words correctly	words correctly
words correctly (L.2.2)	word wall to spell some	2 ~Attempts to use spelling	3 ∼Attempts to use spelling	4 ∼ Uses learned spelling
Uses correct capitalization	words with help	patterns but patterns when writing		patterns when writing
(L.2.2)	1 ~May attempt	comprehensibility is difficult	words	words (boy-boil)
Uses correct punctuation	capitalization.	2 ~Uses some capitalization	3 ~Most capitalization is	4 ~Uses correct
including commas (L.2.2)	1 ~May attempt to use end	2 ~Uses some end	correct	capitalization
	punctuation with a sentence	punctuation	3 ~Most punctuation is	4 ~Uses correct punctuation
	frame		correct with some attempt	including commas and
			at commas or apostrophes	apostrophes if needed
			evident if needed	

POINTS	SCORE	ELL Levels	POINTS	SCORE	MAINSTREAM LEVEL
1-11	1	Entering ELL	1-32	1	Does Not Meet
12-32	2	Emerging ELL			
33-44	3	Developing ELL	33-55	2	Approaches
45-55	4	Expanding ELL			
56-68	5	Bridging/Reaching	56-68	3	Meets Expectations