Figure 1–2

CHECKLIST OF EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING ANCHOR 1

Kindergarten

- ❏ Tells the topic or title.
- ❏ States opinion or preference.

Grade 1

- ❏ Introduces the topic or title.
- ❏ States an opinion.
- ❏ Supplies a reason for the opinion.
- ❏ Provides closure.

Grade 2

- ❏ Introduces the topic or text.
- ❏ States an opinion.
- ❏ Supplies reasons that support the opinion.
- ❏ Uses linking words.
- ❏ Provides a conclusion.

Grade 3

- ❏ Introduces the topic or text.
- ❏ States an opinion.
- ❏ Creates a structure that lists reasons.
- ❏ Provides reasons that support the opinion.
- ❏ Uses linking words and phrases.
- ❏ Provides a conclusion.

Grade 4

- ❏ Introduces the topic or text.
- ❏ States an opinion.
- ❏ Creates a structure for grouping related ideas.
- ❏ Provides reasons supported by facts and details.
- ❏ Uses linking words and phrases.
- ❏ Provides a conclusion.

Grade 5

- ❏ Introduces the topic or text.
- ❏ States an opinion.
- ❏ Creates a structure that logically groups ideas.
- ❏ Provides logically ordered reasons supported by facts and details.
- ❏ Uses linking words and phrases.
- ❏ Provides a conclusion.

Figure 2–1

CHECKLIST OF EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING ANCHOR 2

Kindergarten

❏ Names the topic.

❏ Supplies some information about the topic.

Grade 1

❏ Names the topic.

❏ Supplies some facts about the topic.

❏ Provides closure.

Grade 2

❏ Introduces the topic.

❏ Uses facts and definitions to develop points.

❏ Provides a conclusion.

Grade 3

❏ Introduces the topic. Groups related information together. Includes illustrations as useful.

❏ Develops the topic with facts, definitions, and details.

❏ Uses linking words and phrases.

❏ Provides a conclusion.

Grade 4

❏ Introduces the topic. Groups related information by paragraphs and sections. Includes formatting, illustrations, and multimedia as useful.

❏ Develops the topic with facts, definitions, details, quotations, or other information and examples.

❏ Links ideas within categories of information.

❏ Uses precise language and domain-specific vocabulary.

❏ Provides a conclusion.

Grade 5

❏ Introduces the topic. Provides a general observation and focus, grouping related information logically. Includes formatting, illustrations, and multimedia as useful.

❏ Develops the topic with facts, definitions, details, quotations, or other information and examples.

❏ Links ideas within and across categories of information.

❏ Uses precise language and domain-specific vocabulary.

❏ Provides a conclusion.