

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
WHIZ KIDS
RUBRIC FOR USAGE AND MECHANICS (15% of Total Score)

901-1000	- READER RARELY SPOTS ERRORS IN CONVENTIONS
USAGE	- virtual mastery - may be occasional lapse
MECHANICS	- virtual mastery - minor errors characteristic of first draft - errors do not form pattern
801-900	- READER INFREQUENTLY SPOTS ERRORS IN CONVENTIONS
USAGE	- clear control - minimal range of errors
MECHANICS	- clear control - minimal range of errors - errors will not distract reader
601-800	- READER OCCASIONALLY SPOTS ERRORS IN CONVENTIONS
USAGE	- generally shows control - usually more than one kind of error - may be distracting but does not affect reader understanding
MECHANICS	- generally shows control - usually several kinds of errors repeated - tacked on significance
401-600	- READER IS OFTEN AWARE OF ERRORS IN CONVENTIONS
USAGE	- some control - inconsistent patterns - ambiguity may cause confusion
MECHANICS	- some control - many serious errors repeated - errors interfere with flow of writing - may cause confusion - jump in - tell story - jump out - little significance
201-400	- READER IS AWARE OF NUMEROUS ERRORS IN CONVENTIONS
USAGE	- little control - serious and frequent problems - may be incoherent in places but generally understandable
MECHANICS	- little control - frequent and serious errors distract reader and lead to confusion
1-200	- READER IS BOTHERED BY CONTINUAL ERRORS IN CONVENTIONS
USAGE	- minimal control no understand of conventions of usage
MECHANICS	- minimal control - serious errors in almost every sentence