





PACE Performance Assessment of Critical Elements



Here is a list of the skills you will need to use during the PACE assessment. You have experience with most of these items. During the first semester of fifth grade, you will continue to develop and practice skills. When the assessment time comes, you will be ready to go.






Research Skills:



- Find resources (books, magazines, internet sites, etc.)
- Paraphrase, in writing, main ideas (take notes)
- Compare and contrast information from multiple sources
- Use resources to identify cause and effect relationships
- Distinguish between fact and opinion
- Organize and interpret information and draw logical conclusions
- Combine information for presentation






Informational Essay Skills:



- Include accurate information
- Incorporate a clear and focused main idea
- Support main idea with details and examples
- Write topic sentences in paragraphs
- Organize paragraphs correctly (beginning, middle, end)
- Use appropriate word choices
- Use correct sentence structure
- Use transitions
- Clear introduction and conclusion
- Apply proper conventions (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling and legibility)



Oral Presentation Skills:



- Use research information to prepare a presentation/speech
- Incorporate:
 - Variety of word choices/vocabulary (appropriate to topic, limited repetitions)
 - Inflection (variation in voice—as heard in conversation)
 - Volume (easily heard by audience)
 - Phrasing (pauses used for affect and not filled with “uhmms”)
 - Physical gestures (purposeful, support content, not distracting)
 - Eye contact (connect with audience)
 - Appropriate grammar
 - May use illustration, pictures, charts