



# Helping Parents Understand Assessment



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## Rubrics

*So what is a rubric anyways?*

When students are asked to perform a task in which they construct a response like write a paragraph, tell a story, solve a problem, create a map, interpret a graph, or make a presentation, they need criteria.

Some criteria can be very simple, like checklists, or more complex to capture the range of quality in student work. Teachers will use a 'rubric' for these more complex kinds of criteria.

The purpose of the rubric is to communicate with the student the set of criteria for each scoring level. It helps to provide direction and clarity of what is expected so that every student can be successful. Rubrics are used from grades one through twelve, usually with a scoring system of 1 to 4, or 1 to 5.

### Suggestions for Supporting Your Child

Please take the time to look at the rubrics your child's teachers are providing and work with your child on using the rubric like a road map for understanding and achieving.

BROCHURE RUBRIC					
Name: _____			Date: _____		
Grade: _____			Teacher: _____		
Criteria					Value
	1	2	3	4	
Display	All parts are not clearly labeled.	Some parts are clearly labeled.	Many parts are clearly labeled.	All parts are clearly labeled.	----
Mechanics and Spelling	There are many mistakes in mechanics and/or spelling.	There are several mistakes in mechanics and/or spelling.	There are minor mistakes in mechanics and/or spelling that do not detract from the presentation.	There are no mistakes in mechanics and/or spelling.	----
Presentation	The brochure is _____	The brochure is _____	The brochure is _____	The brochure is _____	