

Argument for “Mindfulness” Student Sample

Scores = 1 Idea Development, 1 Standard English Conventions

ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING TIPS AND INSTRUCTIONS

For this question, you will write an essay based on the passage(s). Your writing should:

- Present and develop a central idea/thesis.
- Provided evidence and/or details from the passage(s).
- Use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

ARGUMENTATIVE PROMPT

Based on “When Mindfulness Meets the Classroom” and “Instead of Detention, write an editorial for your local newspaper in which you argue why it is important for teachers in your school to be trained in mindfulness. Be sure to use information from **both** articles to develop your editorial.

SCORES

Ideas and Development: **1**

Standard English Conventions: **1**

STUDENT RESPONSE

Its important for teachers in my school to be trained in mindfulness because it has shown improvement in students,"reporting benefits ranging from better sleep and diminishes stress to increased focus on schoolwork." (Paragraph 13). With the majority of students enjoying this class , it helps students find a way to engage with themselves and one another in a calm collective way which results in further academic gains. The mindfulness in "Instead of Detention", states that a result of the new training thats been implimented , the disciplinarian has seen a significant drop in behavioral/disciplinary issues. "she rarely sees children for disciplinary issues anymore.

SCORERS' COMMENTARY: Why this essay got a 1 for Idea Development

This response presents a central idea in the first sentence: “[It’s] important for teachers in my school to be trained in mindfulness because it has shown improvement in students” However, there are insufficient details from the articles to support this idea, and overall development is very weak. Organization is minimal, and the response exhibits minimal awareness of task and mode.

SCORERS' COMMENTARY: Why this essay got a 1 for Standard English Conventions

The response contains noticeable errors in sentence formation and mechanics throughout. In addition to the numerous errors, the response is insufficient in length to demonstrate more than little control of sentences, grammar and usage, and mechanics.