

# SBAC ELA Performance Task Study Guides

## SBAC/ELA Performance Task Study Guides 3rd-8th, & 11th:

Writing is an important life skill. Many of our students have learned the basics of writing and are continuing to work on their writing skills daily. Some are utilizing structured [writing curriculums and writing classes](#) and others are working independently. At MVA, we want all of our students to become proficient writers and be able to “show what they know” in the state testing platform and in life. It’s never too late or too early to learn.

On the spring SBAC ELA test, students must complete **one writing task** that demonstrates their grasp of proper writing organization, conventions and appropriate evidence usage. The ELA performance task asks students to write an essay that may be argumentative, explanatory, informational, narrative, or opinion-based. These different genres are distributed randomly in the platform by grade level.

Purpose Distribution by Grade Level							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	11
Informational	x	x	x				
Opinion	x	x	x				
Narrative	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Explanatory				x	x	x	x
Argumentative				x	x	x	x

Three study guides have already been created for grade level spans. They contain the basic information your students will need to know.

- [3rd-5th Grade \(Informational, Narrative, Opinion\)](#)
- [6th-8th Grade \(Argumentative, Explanatory, Narrative\)](#)
- [11th Grade \(Explanatory, Argumentative\)](#)

To help support our families, MVA is hosting several writing webinars for parents throughout the year with [Melissa Webb](#) presenting:

LIVE WEBINAR SCHEDULE & TOPICS	
All meetings held at 2 PM (PT)	
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023	→ The Importance of Good Writing
OCTOBER 11, 2023	→ Persuasive Writing
NOVEMBER 8, 2023	→ Expository Writing
JANUARY 10, 2024	→ Narrative Writing
FEBRUARY 7, 2024	→ CAASPP Test Practice Tips

- [Flyer](#)
- [Video \(2 min.\)](#)
- [Sign-ups](#)
- These workshops will be recorded

- Melissa Webb Recordings:
  - 9/12/2023- [The Importance of Good Writing \(RECORDING\)](#)
  - 10/11/2023- [Persuasive Basics \(RECORDING\)](#)
  - 11/08/2023- [Expository Basics \(RECORDING\)](#)
  - 01/10/2024- [Narrative Writing \(RECORDING\)](#)
  - 02/07/2024-SBAC Test Prep Practice

<u>Write on Webb Melissa Webb</u>	<u>Grades 3-5</u>	<u>Grades 6–11</u>
Persuasive	Opinion	Argumentative
Expository	Informational	Explanatory
Narrative	Narrative (3-8)	Narrative (3-8)

**Some genres are labeled differently based on the grade level.**

For Melissa Webb's webinars:

- Persuasive covers opinion and argumentative. She explains the two as they raise the bar for all students to practice adding in the "counter-argument" or "opposing view" expected of older children. It's the only big difference between the two.
- The same is true regarding the Expository style. She teaches the difference between informational and explanatory as they raise the bar by asking all students to consider the "why" something is the way it is. That one can be trickier, though. Inference skills must be practiced to make those kinds of connections, but it opens up great discussions!
- Link for [practicing an ELA PT on the practice portal](#).
- Link for our [printable paper practice tests](#).
- Mr. D's Conquer the CAASPP Demo Site for HSTs or Parents:
  - Go to the [Mr. D Website](#)
  - Click Log In (top right corner)
  - Username: **demoCAASPP**
  - Password: **CAASPP**
  - Click on the course you wish to demo:
  - Once in the course, click on "Lessons" at the top next to News, to begin.
  - **ELA PTs are at the bottom of the list.**
- [Smarter Annotated Response Tool](#)- State website showing sample essays.
- [South Schools Writing Website](#)-School website showing sample essays, lessons, and resources.

- [Family/Parent Resources-Writing](#) School website with resources
- [South Schools Rubrics/Writing Tools By Grade](#)