Oral Communication Rubric, Grade 5

The ability to communicate knowledge and thinking through effective oral presentations



	EMERGING	E/D	DEVELOPING	D/P	PROFICIENT	P/A	ADVANCED
REASONING	 Presents an unclear understanding of the topic Line of reasoning is absent, unclear, or difficult to follow Struggles to respond to audience questions 		 Presents low level understanding of the topic Uses limited facts and/or findings to support reasoning Is able to respond to some questions at a basic level 		 Presents a clear understanding of the topic Reasoning is clear and easy to follow throughout the presentation Uses facts and/or findings from research to support reasoning Is able to respond to questions from the audience with a clear answer 		In addition Presents a clear and convincing line of reasoning on the topic Provides multiple perspectives on the topic Responds to questions from audience with confidence and accuracy
ORGANIZATION	 Presentation is not organized or is very difficult to follow Starts presentation without a clear introduction Ends presentation without a clear conclusion Media or visual aids are missing or mostly distracting 		 Presentation has a limited level of organization Provides an introduction with rough objectives Provides a limited or unsupported conclusion Media or visual aids do not add to the presentation 		 Presentation is organized and professional throughout Introduction provides an overview of the objectives Conclusion is clear and well supported Media or visual aids are informative, clear, and helpful 		In addition Effectively hooks the audience during the introduction Presentation is engaging throughout Conclusion pulls the various ideas / perspectives together
PRESENTATION SKILLS	 Choice of wording is not appropriate Voice is difficult to hear Does not make eye contact Struggles to stay focused throughout the presentation 		 Choice of wording is inconsistent Voice is mostly easy to hear Makes eye contact periodically with some reliance on notes Body language shows some limited focus on the topic 		 Choice of wording is appropriate for the audience / task Voice is clear and consistently easy to hear Maintains eye contact with the audience throughout most of the presentation Movement and body posture is professional 		In addition Language is fluid and largely void of verbal fillers and pauses Energy level is appropriate for the presentation and helps to engage the audience