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Assessing Student Development

You can use the following questions to survey students about how their writing has developed throughout the year. The questions can be transferred into an online survey tool such as SurveyMonkey or Zoomerang, or you can print the following pages and distribute paper copies.

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1. Compared to last year, how much do you think the way writing is taught at our school has changed?
 Very much
 Somewhat
 Not very much
 Not at all
 I was not at this school last year

2. In what ways has writing instruction changed? (Check all that apply)
 We talk more about writing in our classes
 We have more opportunities to write multiple drafts and revise our writing
 We get more feedback on our drafts from our peers
 We get more feedback on our drafts from the teacher
 We do different kinds of writing assignments
 We do more writing in some classes
 We do writing in more of our classes
 Other (please specify) _____

3. How much do you think your writing skills have improved this year?
 Very much
 Somewhat
 Not very much
 Not at all

4. In which areas do you think your writing has improved this year? (Check all that apply)
 Understanding writing assignments or prompts
 Coming up with ideas
 Getting my ideas down on paper
 Figuring out how to organize my ideas
 Meeting the length requirements for writing assignments
 Knowing if what I'm writing will make sense to a reader
 Knowing where to go for help with my writing
 Using feedback on my drafts to make revisions and improvements
 Editing for spelling, grammar, and punctuation
 Feeling more confident about my writing
 Being able to give useful feedback to other students about their drafts
 Being able to adapt my writing to different classes or subjects
 Being able to adapt my writing to different kinds of assignments
 Other (please specify) _____



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5. If you don't think your writing skills have improved this year, why do you think that is the case? (Check all that apply)

I didn't have enough opportunities to practice writing

I didn't understand the kinds of writing assignments my teachers were asking me to do

I didn't find the kinds of writing we did in my classes very useful

I didn't get enough feedback on my writing

I didn't try very hard

Other (please specify) _____

Open Response

6. What kinds of connections do you see between your out-of-school and in-school writing?

7. If you could improve one aspect of writing instruction in our school, what would it be?