

## Shifts in Writing

The focus in writing will gradually shift as students progress from elementary to middle school to high school. The goal is move students from writing about their personal experiences to researching, evaluating, and “arguing” (i.e., debating) thoughts and ideas in a way that requires support and evidence.

Grade	Argumentation	To Explain	To Convey Experience
4	30%	35%	35%
8	35%	35%	30%
12	40%	40%	20%