

WRITING

Persuasive Writing Prompt

You will have approximately 60 minutes to plan, write, and proofread your response to this writing prompt:

Your principal wants to make physical education classes shorter. Write an essay to your principal that convinces him or her why you agree or disagree with this idea.

Write your final copy on the pages attached to this document.

Plan

Before you write:

- Read the prompt carefully so you understand exactly what you are being asked to do.
- Consider topic, task, and audience.
- Think about what to write.
- Use scratch paper to organize your thoughts. Use strategies like mapping or outlining.

Write

As you write:

- Maintain a clear and consistent focus.
- Include specific details; use examples and reasons to support your ideas.
- Use a variety of well-constructed, complete sentences.
- Use a logical organization with an obvious introduction, body, and conclusion.

Proofread

After you write:

- Did you support your ideas with specific details?
- Do the point of view and tone of the essay remain consistent?
- Check for capitalization, spelling, sentence structure, punctuation, and usage errors.



