**KAS Opinion Conferencing Guide - Kindergarten**

**Guiding Principle C1:** Students will compose arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

*Note: In Kindergarten, students compose opinion pieces, using a combination of drawing, dictating, writing and digital resources, to state the topic and an opinion. (C.K.1) The shift to composing arguments begins in Grade 6.*

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| **Composition Elements** | ***Where Am I Now?***  Evidence of  Meeting or Exceeding the Standards | ***Where Am I Going?***  Areas for Growth | ***How Am I Going to Get There?***  Strategies/Resources Needed to  Strengthen My Composition |
| **Clarity and**  **Coherence** | States the topic and anopinion.  Addresses **all** demands of the prompt/task. |  |  |
| **Support** | Supports opinion withreasons**.**  Provides **clear** explanation of reasons.  Provides reasons with details to **clearly** support the opinion**.** |  |  |
| **Sourcing** | **Accurately and effectively** uses a minimum of two provided sources to support the opinion.  **Effectively** uses reasons from the texts. |  |  |
| **Organization** | Introduces the topic and an opinion.  Organizes reasons that are supported by details.  Uses **effective** transitions to connect the opinion and reasons.  Provides an **effective** concluding idea to support the opinion. |  |  |
| **Language/ Conventions** | **Effectively** uses theconventions of Standard English grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization and punctuation with **minor** errors that **do not interfere** with understanding the writing. |  |  |

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