

SIX-TRAIT CONVERSION CHART

Six-trait scoring provides teachers a way to assess writing using traits or domains: ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions. However, a teacher needs to be cautious with the calculations. Points should not be totaled and converted into percentages. If that model were to be followed, a student receiving average scores on a 6-point scale (three 3's and three 4's) would get 21 out of 36. Mathematically that results in a 58% and does not reflect average writing. Instead a fairer score of 75% has been assigned to 21 points, and the scale moves up and down accordingly. Use the suggested scales below to help you convert six-trait scoring points to percentages.

A 6-Point Scale

Points Percentage

36	100
35	98
34	97
33	95
32	93
31	91

30	89
29	87
28	86
27	85
26	82
25	80

24	79
23	77
22	76
21	75
20	72
19	70

18	69
17	67
16	66
15	65
14	62
13	60

12	59
11	57
10	56
9	55
8	53
7	52
6	50

A 4-Point Scale

Points Percentage

24	100
23	97
22	94
21	91

20	88
19	85
18	82
17	80

16	77
15	75
14	72
13	70

12	68
11	65
10	62
9	60

8	57
7	54
6	50

