

## 2005 North Carolina Writing Grade 7

At the end of every school year, your principal chooses one way the school could be improved. Your principal bases the choice on recommendations from students. This year students have proposed the following improvements:

- An outdoor lunch area.
- New sports equipment for the gym.
- Laptop computers for student checkout.

Write a letter to your principal justifying which improvement would be best for your school.

As you write your letter to your principal, remember to:

- Focus on your chosen school improvement and justify why it would benefit the school.
- Choose words that are well suited to the purpose, audience, and context of your letter.
- Organize your letter so that your ideas progress logically.
- Include relevant details that clearly develop your letter.
- Edit your letter for standard grammar and language usage.

Use the blank sheet of paper given to you by your teacher to plan your letter. Anything you write on the blank sheet will not be scored. You must write the final copy of your letter on the test booklet.