Appendix D

Evaluating student work was based on a variety of tools including this rubric from The Ontario Math Curriculum document.

Achievement Levels: Mathematics, Grades 1-8

Knowledge/Skills	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Problem solving	The student solves problems:			
	- with assistance	– with limited assistance	– independently	– independently
	 with a limited range of appropriate strategies 	with appropriate strategies	 by choosing the most appropriate strategies 	 by modifying known strategies or creating new strategies
	– rarely accurately	- frequently accurately	– usually accurately	 almost always accurately
Understanding of concepts	The student shows understanding of concepts:			
	- with assistance	– independently	– independently	– independently
	 by giving partially complete but inappropriate explanations 	 by giving appropriate but incomplete explanations 	 by giving both appro- priate and complete explanations 	 by giving both appropriate and complete explanations, and by showing that he or she can apply the concepts in a variety of contexts
	 using only a few of the required concepts 	 using more than half of the required concepts 	– using most of the required concepts	– using all of the required concepts
Application of mathematical procedures	The student applies mathematical procedures:			
	- with assistance	– with limited assistance	– independently	– independently
	 that are considered to be basic in solving problems 	 that are considered to be appropriate in solving problems 	 that are considered to be the most appro- priate in solving problems 	 that are considered to be the most appro- priate in solving problems, and justi- fies the choice
	 with major errors and/or omissions 	with several minor errors and/or omissions	with a few minor errors and/or omissions	 with practically no minor errors and/or omissions
Communication of required knowledge related to concepts, procedures, and problem solving	The student communicates the required knowledge:			
	– with assistance	 independently 	 independently 	 independently
	unclearly and imprecisely	 with some clarity and some precision 	– clearly and precisely	 clearly, precisely, and confidently
	 rarely using appro- priate mathematical terminology 	 sometimes using appropriate mathe- matical terminology and symbols 	 usually using appro- priate mathematical terminology and symbols 	 always using appro- priate mathematical terminology and symbols