

Evaluate a Thesis Statement

Advanced	Proficient	Emerging	Intervention Needed
Clear, complete, insightful	Clear and complete	Partially answers question	Minimally answers the question or no thesis

Score this thesis!

Essay Prompt: Should vending machines be banned in high schools?

Because vending machines contribute to student obesity and encourage schools to choose profit over student health, they should be banned from high schools.

ADVANCED

Why? Clear, complete and insightful (choose profit over student health)

Score this thesis!

Essay Prompt: Should vending machines be banned in high schools?

Because vending machines provide schools money for special programs and can provide students healthy lunches and snacks, they should continue to be available to high school students.

PROFICIENT

Why? Clear, and complete

Score this thesis!

Essay Prompt: Should vending machines be banned in high schools?

Vending machines themselves are not bad, but they sell way too much junk food.

EMERGING

Why? Does not directly take a position; partially answers question

Score this thesis!

Essay Prompt: Should vending machines be banned in high schools?

Vending machines are really popular with students and teachers. They are not a big issue in high school.

NEEDS INTERVENTION

Why? Does not directly answer the question.

Score this thesis!

Essay Prompt: Should vending machines be banned in high schools?

Vending machines can be both good and bad; mostly vending machines destroy kids' health.

NEEDS INTERVENTION

Why? Vague, no clear position; one organizing category and it is worded dramatically.
(*destroy kids' health*.... seriously?)