**CEIEI Paragraph Checklist**

* Claim
  + 1 sentence
  + Is an OPINION statement
* Lead-in
  + Somebody says
    - The author states, “Evidence.”
  + Sentence
    - Determination is essential to success: “Evidence.”
  + Blended
    - Determination “which is found through inner strength and perseverance” is essential to success.”
* Evidence
  + Is a FACT
  + In quotation marks
  + Followed by a citation (Author’s Last Name, p. 3).
* Interpretation
  + 3+ sentences
  + Explains how the evidence supports the claim
  + Uses SPECIFIC examples or details to prove the claim
  + Last sentence makes a direct connection to claim

**Sample CEIEI paragraph**

Hillgrove High School consistently proves to be the most desired school to attend in Cobb County. According to a 2013 news report, “99% of Hillgrove students passed the Graduation Writing Test” (Sanford, p. 2). Because of the dedication of both students and teachers, the school has experienced a great deal of success in writing. Students practice these skills in each of their English courses, and teachers are diligent in the feedback they give students to help them improve their abilities. Each semester in English courses, students write multiple times a week as well as compose several in class-essays and a research paper. In addition to academic success, Hillgrove students also excel in athletics. The Hillgrove Hawk football team has had a winning season for the last seven years: “The team’s record includes 84 wins and only 7 losses” (Ironside, p. 1). The success of the football team is representative of the hard work and determination that comprise the character of a Hillgrove athlete. The football coaching staff expects complete dedication to the sport and provides structured practices as well as emotional encouragement in order to reach the ultimate goal of continued winning seasons. Without committed staff and players, Hillgrove’s football team would be unable to maintain such a prosperous program. Overall, Hillgrove students display unprecedented commitment to deliberate success, making the school one of the most sought after schools within Cobb County School District.