

## EBSR Scoring

### **What is an EBSR Question?**

EBSR stands for Evidence-Based Selected Response. Each two-part EBSR question is designed to elicit an evidence-based response from a student who has read either a Literature or Informational Text passage. In Part One, which is similar to a multiple-choice question, the student analyzes a passage and chooses the best answer from four answer choices. In Part Two, the student utilizes evidence from the passage to select one or more answers based on his/her response to Part One. Part Two is different from a multiple-choice question in that there may be more than four answer options and more than one correct answer.

### **How are they scored?**

Each EBSR test question is worth either two or three points, and students can receive partial credit for providing a correct response to Part One or for providing one or more correct responses in Part Two.

EBSR questions should be scored as follows:

- In a two part question, Part 1 will always ask students to just pick one answer. They have to get Part 1 right to get points for Part 2. If they get part 1 wrong, no matter what they pick for Part 2, it will not earn them any points.
- Part 2 will sometimes ask the students to pick one answer, and sometimes it will ask to pick two answers. If it is a pick one answer, and they pick more than one or pick the wrong one, they get 0 points for Part 2. They also get 0 points if they got Part 1 wrong.
- If Part 2 asks to pick two answers, students get points for any correct if they choose two options or less. If they select more than 2 options, they automatically get 0 points for Part 2, even if both of the right answers are in the three or four they chose.
- So EBSR questions will always be scored with 0-3 points
  - 0 points if they get Part 1 wrong- then all are considered wrong
  - 1 point if they get Part 1 right ONLY
  - 2 points if they get Part 1 right and one answer from Part 2 right
  - 3 points if they get Part 1 right and both answers from Part 2 right (only when it's a pick two part 2)