### Essay Rubric

1. **Organization:** Essay includes a clear thesis with supporting information in the thesis paragraph.
   - a. essay has strong thesis that can be defended, major components of thesis are detailed in the 1st paragraph
   - b. essay has a factual statement for thesis or a vague thesis or there is a lack of support in the 1st paragraph
   - c. no apparent thesis, no apparent conclusion
   
   **Score:**
   - 4-5
   - 1-3
   - 0

2. **Arguments:** At least three strong arguments made.
   - a. at least three clear arguments made with specific examples
   - b. at least three adequate arguments, limited specific information
   - c. two brief arguments or three poor arguments
   - d. limited arguments, failure to have any logical arguments
   
   **Score:**
   - 4-5
   - 3
   - 2
   - 0-1

3. **Information:** Facts, details, and examples are used to support arguments
   - A. variety of facts, details sufficient amount of material to support arguments
   - B. small amount of supporting information, not enough specific information
   - C. little and/or inaccurate information
   - D. no supporting information
   
   **Score:**
   - 5-6
   - 3-4
   - 2
   - 0-1

4. **Writing Style:** Essay is readable with varied sentence structure
   - a. clear and readable, logical in structure, flows from paragraph to paragraph
   - b. some parts of essay are not clear or there is a flow problem
   - c. essay is difficult to understand
   
   **Score:**
   - 3
   - 2
   - 0-1

5. **Grammar:** mechanics, spelling
   - a. consistently correct, no errors
   - b. some weaknesses and errors (misspelled words or run-on paragraphs)
   - c. significant problems
   
   **Score:**
   - 2
   - 1
   - 0

6. **Conclusion**
   - a. summarizes main points of the essay, restating the thesis
   - b. limited summary or limited referral to the thesis
   - c. essay ends abruptly
   
   **Score:**
   - 3
   - 2
   - 0

**Total Score ______

**Name:** How would you make sure that parents are supportive, aware, and active in their child’s educational growth? Make sure that you focus on measurement and evaluation in this answer.