Rubric for Cybersecurity Research Paper

	Outstanding (20)	Good (16)	Fair (10)	Unacceptable (5)
Heading	Heading consist of student's name, class period, title of research paper, date of paper, all single space	Missing one element of Outstanding	Missing two elements of Outstanding	Missing heading.
Thesis	Clearly stated and appropriately focused	Clearly stated but focus could be sharper	Adequate, relevance understandable	irrelevant, missing, or relies on assertion rather than research
Mechanics & Usage	Free of mechanical and usage errors, Used 12 font, correct capitalization	Few mechanical and usage errors	Some mechanical and usage errors, but not severe enough to interfere significantly with writer's purpose.	Several awkward and/or unclear sentences; problems with word choice.
Research	The evidence comes from at least 7 valid sources. The bibliography is complete and reflects appropriate sources. The evidence used reflects multiple views.	The evidence comes from at least 5 valid sources. The bibliography is complete. The evidence used reflects multiple views.	Less than 5 Valid sources and they are inconsistently used. The bibliography is missing some pieces.	No sources. The bibliography is missing significant information.
Prove your point – Strengthen your position	Use of stats, charts and graphs strengthens thesis	Use of chart ant graphs don't always support thesis	Charts and graphs does not support thesis, Stats are irrelevant	No stats, charts or graphs.