



Handwriting Curriculum

	Teacher Instructional Expectations	Student Application Expectations (daily work & writer's workshop)
Grade K	Introduce and Develop Letter Names Introduce and Develop Manuscript Letter Formation using District Verbal Pathways	<p>In daily work (name writing & modeled writing) student will write using correct case and letter formation as is developmentally appropriate for the time of year.</p> <p>During Writer's Workshop it is acceptable that the students will use current known writing skills to communicate their message.</p> <p>Only during the editing process should correct letter formation be a minor area of focus and only when it will not hinder the writing process and writing confidence of the student. (Note: The editing process is introduced gradually in kindergarten and usually not until second semester)</p>
Grade 1	Develop Manuscript Letter Formation (using District Verbal Pathways as needed)	<p>Letter formation should not impede student progress.</p> <p>In Writer's Workshop the students will continue to develop and apply correct manuscript letter formation with support during conferencing and publishing.</p> <p>In daily work the students will continue to develop and apply correct manuscript letter formation.</p>
Grade 2	Maintain and Apply Manuscript Letter Formation Display Cursive Writing Quarter 4	<p>The students will demonstrate correct formation (slant, space, shape, size, and reversals) of manuscript letters and write legibly in everyday writing throughout the year.</p>
Grade 3	Maintain and Apply Manuscript Letter Formation Introduce and Develop Cursive Letter Formation	<p>The students will demonstrate daily use of legible manuscript in all subject areas (all year long).</p> <p>Second semester (or when all lower case cursive letters have been introduced) students will publish one piece of writing of their choice in cursive during Writer's Workshop per quarter.</p>
Grade 4	Maintain and Apply Manuscript Letter Formation Develop Cursive Letter Formation	<p>The students will demonstrate daily use of legible writing (manuscript and/or cursive) in all subject areas.</p> <p>Students will publish one piece of writing of their choice in cursive during Writer's Workshop per quarter.</p> <p>Students will produce one assignment in cursive per week outside of Writer's Workshop.</p>
Grade 5	Maintain and Apply Manuscript Letter Formation Maintain and Apply Cursive Letter Formation	<p>The students will demonstrate daily use of legible writing (manuscript and/or cursive) in all subject areas.</p> <p>Students will publish one piece of writing of their choice in cursive during Writer's Workshop per quarter.</p> <p>Students will produce two assignments in cursive per week outside of Writer's Workshop.</p>

