

**Alaska State Standards
correlated to
Merit Software Process Writing Programs**

In 1993, Alaskans embarked on a campaign to bring higher standards and accountability to their public school system. The cornerstone of this effort was the development of content standards in ten core subject areas. The standards represent what Alaskans want students to know and be able to do as a result of their public schooling. During 1994 and 1995, the Alaska State Board of Education adopted these standards and key elements as voluntary guidelines for Alaska’s schools.

Merit’s Process Writing programs address the following Alaska State Standards:

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Subhead	Content	Performance Standard	Merit Software
Writing	A. A student should be able to speak and write well for a variety of purposes and audiences.	1. apply elements of effective writing and speaking; these elements include ideas, organization, vocabulary, sentence structure, and personal style;	Paragraph Punch, Essay Punch, Business Letter Punch, Writing about Reading, Writing for Business
Writing	A. A student should be able to speak and write well for a variety of purposes and audiences.	4. write and speak well to inform, to describe, to entertain, to persuade, and to clarify thinking in a variety of formats, including technical communication;	Paragraph Punch, Essay Punch, Business Letter Punch, Writing about Reading, Writing for Business
Writing	A. A student should be able to speak and write well for a variety of purposes and audiences.	5. revise, edit, and publish the student’s own writing as appropriate;	Paragraph Punch, Essay Punch, Business Letter Punch, Writing about Reading, Writing for Business
Writing	D. A student should be able to think logically and reflectively in order to present and explain positions based on relevant and reliable information.	A student who meets the content standard should: 4. explain and defend a position orally, in writing, and with visual aids as appropriate.	Paragraph Punch, Essay Punch, Business Letter Punch, Writing about Reading, Writing for Business