

**Arizona State Standards
correlated to
Merit Software Writing Mechanics- Grammar Programs**

Arizona’s students must be able to communicate effectively in their schools and communities. The communication skills of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and presenting form the core of language and literacy. The ultimate purpose of the following language arts standards is to ensure that all students be offered the opportunities, the encouragement and the vision to develop the language skills they need to pursue lifelong goals, including finding personal enrichment and participating as informed members of society.

Merit’s Writing Mechanics-Grammar programs address the following Arizona State Standards:

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Grades 3-5

Strand	Concept	Performance Outcome	Merit Software
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 1. Use capital letters for: a. proper nouns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • place names • holidays • languages • historical events • organizations b. literary titles (i.e., book, story, poem, play, song) c. titles d. abbreviations e. words used as names (e.g., Mother, Uncle Jim)	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 2. Punctuate endings of sentences using: a. periods b. question marks c. exclamation points	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up

Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 3. Use commas to punctuate: a. items in a series b. greetings and closings of letters c. dates	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 4. Use quotation marks to punctuate dialogue, although may be inconsistent or experimental.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 5. Use a colon to punctuate time.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 6. Use apostrophes to punctuate: contractions singular possessive	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 7. Spell high-frequency words correctly.	Starter Paragraph Punch, Paragraph Punch, Writing About Reading
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 8. Use common spelling patterns/generalizations to spell words correctly, including: d. word families e. regular plurals f. r-controlled g. diphthong h. consonant digraphs i. CVC words j. CCVC words k. CVCC words l. affixes	Starter Paragraph Punch, Paragraph Punch, Writing About Reading
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 9. Spell simple homonyms correctly in context.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up

Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 10. Use resources (e.g., dictionaries, word walls) to spell correctly.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 11. Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns action verbs personal pronouns adjectives	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up

Grades 6-8

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Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 1. Use capital letters correctly for: a. proper nouns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holidays • product names • languages • historical events • organizations • academic courses (e.g., algebra/Algebra I) • place • regional names (e.g., West Coast) b. words used as names (e.g., Grandpa, Aunt Lyn) c. literary titles (i.e., story, poem, play, song) d. titles e. abbreviations proper adjectives	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up

Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 2. Use commas to correctly punctuate: a. items in a series b. greetings and closings of letters c. introductory words d. direct address interrupters compound sentences	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 3. Use quotation marks to punctuate: a) dialogue b) titles of short works (e.g., chapter, story, article, song, poem) c) exact words from sources	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 5. Use colons to punctuate business letter salutations.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 6. Use apostrophes to punctuate: contractions singular possessives	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 7. Spell high-frequency words correctly.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 8. Use common spelling patterns/ generalizations to spell words correctly.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 9. Use homonyms correctly in context.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up

Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 10. Use resources to spell correctly.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 11. Use paragraph breaks to indicate an organizational structure.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO. 12. Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns action/linking verbs personal pronouns adjectives adverbs conjunctions prepositions interjections	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 13. Use subject/verb agreement in simple and compound sentences.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up

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Writing Elements	<p>Concept 6: Conventions</p> <p>Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.</p>	<p>PO 1. Use capitals correctly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. proper nouns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holidays • place/regional names • languages • historical events • organizations • academic courses (e.g., algebra/Algebra I) • product names b. words used as names (e.g., Grandpa, Aunt Lyn) c. literary titles (i.e., book, story, poem, play, song) d. titles e. abbreviations f. proper adjectives (e.g., German shepherd, Chinese restaurant) 	<p>Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness</p>
Writing Elements	<p>Concept 6: Conventions</p> <p>Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.</p>	<p>PO 2. Use commas to correctly punctuate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. items in a series b. greetings and closings of letters c. introductory words, phrases and clauses d. direct address e. interruptors f. compound sentences g. appositives e. dialogue 	<p>Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness</p>
Writing Elements	<p>Concept 6: Conventions</p> <p>Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.</p>	<p>PO 3. Use quotation marks to punctuate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) dialogue b) titles of short works (e.g., chapter, story, article, song, poem) c) exact words from sources 	<p>Grammar Fitness Set 1, Write It Right Set 1; Grammar Shape-Up</p>

Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 4. Use underlining or italics to correctly identify titles and vessels (e.g., ships, spacecrafts, planes, trains).	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 5. Use colons to punctuate business letter salutations and sentences introducing lists.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 7. Use apostrophes to punctuate: a. contractions b. singular possessives plural possessives	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 8. Use hyphens, dashes, parentheses, ellipses and brackets correctly.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 9. Spell words correctly.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing Elements	Concept 6: Conventions Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.	PO 10. Use paragraph breaks to reinforce the organizational structure, including dialogue.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness

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Writing Elements	<p>Concept 6: Conventions</p> <p>Conventions addresses the mechanics of writing, including capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar and usage, and paragraph breaks.</p>	<p>PO 12. Use appropriate format, according to type of writing, to cite sources (i.e., Chicago, APA, MLA, UPI, any other recognized style manual).</p>	<p>Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness</p>