

**Illinois Learning Standards
correlated to
Merit Software Writing Mechanics - Grammar Programs**

The *Illinois Learning Standards for English Language Arts* goals and standards have not changed since their adoption in 1997. Through the achievement of these goals and standards, students will gain proficiency in the language skills that are basic to all learning, critical to success in the workplace and essential to life as productive citizens. English language arts includes reading, writing, speaking, listening and the study of literature. Through the study of the English language arts, students should be able to read fluently, understanding a broad range of written materials. They must be able to communicate well and listen carefully and effectively. They should develop a command of the language and demonstrate their knowledge through speaking and writing for a variety of audiences and purposes.

Merit’s Writing Mechanics-Grammar programs address the following Illinois Learning Standards:

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Grades 4-5

Subhead	State Goal	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	STATE GOAL 3: Write to communicate for a variety of purposes.	A. Use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization and structure.	3.A.2 Write paragraphs that include a variety of sentence types; appropriate use of the eight parts of speech; and accurate spelling, capitalization and punctuation.	Grammar Fitness Set 1

Grades 6-8

Subhead	State Goal	Learning Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	STATE GOAL 3: Write to communicate for a variety of purposes.	A. Use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization and structure.	3.A.3 Write compositions that contain complete sentences and effective paragraphs using English conventions.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1,2,4, Write it Right Set 1,

Grades 9-10

Subhead	State Goal	Learning Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	STATE GOAL 3: Write to communicate for a variety of purposes.	A. Use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization and structure.	3.A.4 Use standard English to edit documents for clarity, subject/verb agreement, adverb and adjective agreement and verb tense; proofread for spelling, capitalization and punctuation; and ensure that documents are formatted in final form for submission and publication.	Grammar Fitness Set 2 and 4, Write it Right Set 2,

Grades 11-12

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Writing	STATE GOAL 3: Write to communicate for a variety of purposes.	A. Use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization and structure.	3.A.5 Produce grammatically correct documents using standard manuscript specifications for a variety of purposes and audiences	Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness