

**Indiana Academic Standards
correlated to
Merit Software Writing Mechanics-Grammar Programs**

The English Language Arts Standards (2000) describe a connected body of linguistic understandings and competencies and are a comprehensive foundation that all students should learn. They describe the knowledge and skills that students should acquire from Kindergarten through high school.

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Grade 3

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	3.6.3 Identify and use subjects and verbs that are in agreement (we are instead of we is).	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	3.6.4 Identify and use past (he danced), present (he dances), and future (he will dance) verb tenses properly in writing.	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	3.6.5 Identify and correctly use pronouns (it, him, her), adjectives (<u>brown eyes</u> , <u>two younger sisters</u>), compound nouns (summertime, snowflakes), and articles (a, an, the) in writing.	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Punctuation	3.6.6 Use commas in dates (August 15, 2001), locations (Fort Wayne, Indiana), and addresses (431 Coral Way, Miami, FL), and for items in a series (football, basketball, soccer, and tennis).	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Grade 4

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	4.6.4 Identify and use in writing regular (live/lived, shout/shouted) and irregular verbs (swim/swam, ride/rode, hit/hit), adverbs (constantly, quickly), and prepositions (through, beyond, between).	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Punctuation	4.6.5 Use parentheses to explain something that is not considered of primary importance to the sentence, commas in direct quotations (He said, "I'd be happy to go."), apostrophes to show possession (Jim's shoes, the dog's food), and apostrophes in contractions (can't, didn't, won't).	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Punctuation	4.6.6 Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to identify titles of documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When writing by hand or by computer, use quotation marks to identify the titles of articles, short stories, poems, or chapters of books. • When writing on a computer italicize the following, when writing by hand underline them: the titles of books, names of newspapers and magazines, works of art, and musical compositions.. 	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
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Grade 5

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	5.6.3 Identify and correctly use appropriate tense (present, past, present participle, past participle) for verbs that are often misused (lie/lay, sit/set, rise/raise).	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	5.6.4 Identify and correctly use modifiers (words or phrases that describe, limit, or qualify another word) and pronouns (he/his, she/her, they/their, it/its). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct: <u>On the walls</u> there are many pictures of people who have visited the restaurant. • Incorrect: There are many pictures of people who have visited the restaurant <u>on the walls</u>. • Correct: Jenny and Kate finished <u>their</u> game. • Incorrect: Jenny and Kate finished <u>her</u> game. 	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Punctuation	5.6.5 Use a colon to separate hours and minutes (12:20 a.m., 3:40 p.m.) and to introduce a list (Do the project in this order: cut, paste, fold.); use quotation marks around the exact words of a speaker and titles of articles, poems, songs, short stories, and chapters in books; use semi-colons and commas for transitions (Time is short; however; we will still get the job done.).	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Grade 6

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	6.6.2 Identify and properly use indefinite pronouns (all, another, both, each, either, few, many, none, one, other, several, some), present perfect (have been, has been), past perfect (had been), and future perfect verb tenses (shall have been); ensure that verbs agree with compound subjects.	Grammar Shape Up, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 2
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Punctuation	Punctuation 6.6.3 Use colons after the salutation (greeting) in business letters (Dear Sir:), semicolons to connect main clauses (The girl went to school; her brother stayed home.), and commas before the conjunction in compound sentences (We worked all day, but we didn't complete the project.).	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 2

Grade 7

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Sentence Structure	7.6.1 Properly place modifiers (words or phrases that describe, limit, or qualify another word) and use the active voice (sentences in which the subject is doing the action) when wishing to convey a livelier effect.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1

Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	7.6.2 Identify and use infinitives (the word to followed by the base form of a verb, such as to understand or to learn) and participles (made by adding -ing, - d, -ed, -n, -en, or -t to the base form of the verb, such as dreaming, chosen, built, and grown).	Grammar Fitness Set 1
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	7.6.3 Make clear references between pronouns and antecedents by placing the pronoun where it shows to what word it refers.	Grammar Fitness Set 2
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	7.6.4 Identify all parts of speech (verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections) and types and structure of sentences.	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	7.6.5 Demonstrate appropriate English usage (such as pronoun reference).	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Punctuation	7.6.7 Demonstrate the correct use of quotation marks and the use of commas with subordinate clauses.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1

Grade 8

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Sentence Structure	8.6.2 Identify and use parallelism (use consistent elements of grammar when compiling a list) in all writing to present items in a series and items juxtaposed for emphasis.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 2
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Grammar	8.6.4 Edit written manuscripts to ensure that correct grammar is used.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 2
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Punctuation	8.6.5 Use correct punctuation.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 2

Grade 9

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	Grammar and Mechanics of Language	9.6.1 Identify and correctly use clauses, both main and subordinate; phrases, including gerund, infinitive, and participial; and the mechanics of punctuation, such as semicolons, colons, ellipses, and hyphens.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	Grammar and Mechanics of Language	9.6.2 Demonstrate an understanding of sentence construction, including parallel structure, subordination, and the proper placement of modifiers, and proper English usage, including the use of consistent verb tenses.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness

Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	Grammar and Mechanics of Language	Manuscript Form 9.6.3 Produce legible work that shows accurate spelling and correct use of the conventions of punctuation and capitalization.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
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Grade 10

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Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	Grammar and Mechanics of Language	10.6.1 Identify and correctly use clauses, both main and subordinate; phrases, including gerund, infinitive, and participial; and the mechanics of punctuation, such as semicolons, colons, ellipses, and hyphens.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	Grammar and Mechanics of Language	10.6.2 Demonstrate an understanding of sentence construction, including parallel structure, subordination, and the proper placement of modifiers, and proper English usage, including the use of consistent verb tenses.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	Manuscript Form	10.6.3 Produce legible work that shows accurate spelling and correct use of the conventions of punctuation and capitalization.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness

Grade 11

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	No strand	11.6.1 Demonstrate control of grammar, diction, paragraph and sentence structure, and an understanding of English usage.	Grammar Fitness Set 4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness

Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	No strand	11.6.2 Produce writing that shows accurate spelling and correct punctuation and capitalization.	Grammar Fitness Set 4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
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Grade 12

Subhead	Standard	Strand	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	No strand	12.6.1 Demonstrate control of grammar, diction, paragraph and sentence structure, and an understanding of English usage.	Essay Punch
Writing	Standard 6 WRITING: English Language Conventions Students write using Standard English conventions.	No strand	12.6.2 Produce writing that shows accurate spelling and correct punctuation and capitalization.	Essay Punch