

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

This English Language Arts Curriculum Framework, completed in 2001, is one of seven documents created to advance educational reform in Massachusetts. It reflects the work of PreK–12 educators and consultants throughout the state in collaboration with staff from the Massachusetts Department of Education. The ten **Guiding Principles** articulate a set of beliefs about the teaching, learning, and assessing of speaking, viewing, listening, reading, and writing. The English language arts are organized into four **Strands**, or content areas: Language, Reading and Literature, Composition, and Media. The **27 General Standards**—broad statements that outline what students should know and be able to do in English language arts—are separated into **Learning Standards** for PreK–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8, 9–10, and 11–12. General Standards for vocabulary (4), reading (7 and 8) and for composition (19 and 22) have been further divided into PreK–K and 1–2 clusters.

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

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Grades 3-4

Subhead	General Standard	Learning Standard	Merit Software
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.2 Recognize that names of things can also be actions (fish, dream, run).	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.3 Identify correct capitalization for names and places (Janet, I, George Washington, Springfield), and correct capitalization and commas in dates (February 24, 2001).	Grammar Shape Up

Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.4 Identify appropriate end marks (periods, question marks).	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.6 Identify the four basic parts of speech (adjective, noun, verb, adverb).	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.7 Identify correct mechanics (end marks, commas for series, capitalization), correct usage (subject and verb agreement in a simple sentence) and correct sentence structure (elimination of sentence fragments).	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.14 Identify correct mechanics (apostrophes, quotation marks, comma use in compound sentences, paragraph indentations) and correct sentence structure (elimination of sentence fragments and run-ons).	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 22: Standard English Conventions Students will use knowledge of standard English conventions in their writing, revising, and editing.	22.7 Use additional knowledge of correct mechanics (apostrophes, quotation marks, comma use in compound sentences, paragraph indentations), correct sentence structure (elimination of fragments and run-ons), and correct standard English spelling (commonly used homophones) when writing, revising, and editing.	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Grades 5-6

Subhead	General Standard	Learning Standard	Merit Software
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.9 Identify the eight basic parts of speech (noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective, conjunction, preposition, interjection).	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.11 Identify verb phrases and verb tenses.	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.12 Recognize that a word performs different functions according to its position in the sentence.	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.14 Identify correct mechanics (apostrophes, quotation marks, comma use in compound sentences, paragraph indentations) and correct sentence structure (elimination of sentence fragments and run-ons).	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 22: Standard English Conventions Students will use knowledge of standard English conventions in their writing, revising, and editing.	22.7 Use additional knowledge of correct mechanics (apostrophes, quotation marks, comma use in compound sentences, paragraph indentations), correct sentence structure (elimination of fragments and run-ons), and correct standard English spelling (commonly used homophones) when writing, revising, and editing.	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Grades 7-8

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Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.17 Recognize the makeup and function of prepositional phrases.	Grammar Shape Up, Grammar Fitness Sets 1, 2, 3
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.19 Recognize appropriate use of pronoun reference.	Grammar Shape Up, Grammar Fitness Sets 1, 2, 3
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.20 Identify correct mechanics (comma after introductory structures), correct usage (pronoun reference), and correct sentence structure (complete sentences, properly placed modifiers).	Grammar Fitness Sets 1, 2,3, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 22: Standard English Conventions Students will use knowledge of standard English conventions in their writing, revising, and editing.	22.8 Use knowledge of types of sentences (simple, compound, complex), correct mechanics (comma after introductory structures), correct usage (pronoun reference), sentence structure (complete sentences, properly placed modifiers), and standard English spelling when writing and editing.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1, 2,3, Write it Right Set 1

Grades 9-10

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Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.27 Identify rhetorically functional sentence structure (parallelism, properly placed modifiers).	Grammar Fitness Set 3, Write it Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4, Business English Fitness Set 2

Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.28 Identify correct mechanics (semicolons, colons, hyphens), correct usage (tense consistency), and correct sentence structure (parallel structure).	Grammar Fitness Set 3, Write it Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4, Business English Fitness Set 2
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 21: Revising Students will demonstrate improvement in organization, content, paragraph development, level of detail, style, tone, and word choice (diction) in their compositions after revising them.	21.8 Revise writing by attending to topic/idea development, organization, level of detail, language/style, sentence structure, grammar and usage, and mechanics.	Grammar Fitness Set 3, Write it Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4, Business English Fitness Set 2
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 22: Standard English Conventions Students will use knowledge of standard English conventions in their writing, revising, and editing.	22.9 Use knowledge of types of clauses (main and subordinate), verbals (gerunds, infinitives, participles), mechanics (semicolons, colons, hyphens), usage (tense consistency), sentence structure (parallel structure), and standard English spelling when writing and editing.	Grammar Fitness Set 3, Write it Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4, Business English Fitness Set 2

Grades 11-12

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Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.	5.30 Identify, describe, and apply all conventions of standard English.	Business English Fitness, Write It Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4
Writing	GENERAL STANDARD 22: Standard English Conventions Students will use knowledge of standard English conventions in their writing, revising, and editing.	22.10 Use all conventions of standard English when writing and editing.	Business English Fitness, Write It Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4