

Maine Grade Level Expectations Correlated to Merit Software Writing Mechanics – Grammar Programs.

ELEMENTARY GRADES 3-4

Objective	Expectation	Merit Software
1. Edit written work for standard English spelling and usage, evidenced by pieces that show and contain:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • few significant errors in the use of pronouns and adjectives. • attention to the proper use of adverbial forms and conjunctions. • few significant errors in the spelling of frequently used words. • no significant errors in the capitalization of words that begin sentences and few significant errors in the capitalization of proper nouns and titles. • no significant errors in the use of ending punctuation marks and an understanding of how to use commas. 	Grammar Fitness

MIDDLE GRADES 5-8

Objective	Expectation	Merit Software
1. Edit written work for standard English spelling and usage, evidenced by pieces that show and contain:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no significant errors in the use of nouns, pronouns, and adjectives. • few significant errors in the use of adjective forms (e.g., comparative, superlative), adverbial forms, prepositions, and 	Grammar Fitness Grammar Shape-Up Write It Right

	<p>prepositional phrases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attention to the proper use of conjunctions. • no significant errors in the spelling of common, frequently used words, and attention to the correct spelling of commonly misspelled words and less common words. • no significant errors in the common conventions of capitalization (e.g., proper nouns, names, titles) and attention to the less common capitalization conventions (e.g., capitalizing the names of nationalities). • no significant errors in the use of ending punctuation marks, few significant errors in the common uses of commas, and attention to the proper use of the colon, semicolon, hyphen, dash, apostrophe, and quotation marks. • attention to the correct use of commonly confused terms • attention to the proper use of italics, marginal notes, and footnotes. 	
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SECONDARY GRADES

Objective	Expectation	Merit Software
1. Edit written work for standard English spelling and usage, evidenced by pieces that show and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no significant errors in the use of pronouns, nouns, adjectival and adverbial forms 	Grammar Shape-Up Write It Right Grammar Fitness for Upper Grades

contain:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.• no significant errors in the spelling of frequently used words and the correct use of commonly confused terms.• no significant errors in the common conventions of capitalization and ending punctuation marks and common uses of the comma.• few significant errors in the spelling of commonly misspelled and rare words, the less common capitalization conventions, the colon, semicolon, hyphen, dash, apostrophe, quotation marks, italics, marginal notes, and footnotes.	
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