

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

At its July 19, 1995, meeting, the Michigan State Board of Education unanimously adopted the model content standards for curriculum. The content standards provide descriptions of what students should know and be able to do in the subject areas of English language arts, social studies, mathematics and science. In addition, benchmarks in each of the content areas were drafted to further clarify the content standards. The standards and benchmarks are not a state curriculum, but are specifically designed to be used by local districts as they develop their curricula.

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

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Grades 3-5

Subhead	Content Standards	Benchmarks	Merit Software
Meaning and Communication	Standard 2: All students will demonstrate the ability to write clear and grammatically correct sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.	4. Begin to edit text and discuss language conventions using appropriate terms. Examples include action words, naming words, capital letters, and periods.	Starter Paragraph Punch, Paragraph Punch, Writing About Reading, Grammar Fitness Set 1
Genre and Craft of Language	Standard 8: All students will explore and use the characteristics of different types of texts, aesthetic elements, and mechanics—including text structure, figurative and descriptive language, spelling, punctuation, and grammar—to construct and convey meaning.	1. Identify and use mechanics that enhance and clarify understanding. Examples include using conventional punctuation, capitalization, and spelling, as well as approximations of conventional spelling and restating key ideas in oral messages.	Starter Paragraph Punch, Paragraph Punch, Writing About Reading, Grammar Fitness Set 1

Grades 6-8

Subhead	Content Standards	Benchmarks	Merit Software
Meaning and Communication	Standard 2: All students will demonstrate the ability to write clear and grammatically correct sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.	4. Select and use appropriate language conventions when editing text. Examples include various grammatical constructions, subject-verb agreement, punctuation, and spelling.	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1, 2, 3
Genre and Craft of Language	Standard 8: All students will explore and use the characteristics of different types of texts, aesthetic elements, and mechanics—including text structure, figurative and descriptive language, spelling, punctuation, and grammar—to construct and convey meaning.	1. Select and use mechanics that enhance and clarify understanding. Examples include paragraphing, organizational patterns, variety in sentence structure, appropriate punctuation, grammatical constructions, conventional spelling, and the use of connective devices, such as previews and reviews.	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1, 2, 3

Grades 9-12

Subhead	Content Standards	Benchmarks	Merit Software
Meaning and Communication	Standard 2: All students will demonstrate the ability to write clear and grammatically correct sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.	4. Demonstrate precision in selecting appropriate language conventions when editing text. Examples include complex grammatical constructions, sentence structures, punctuation, and spelling.	Business English Fitness, Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2
Genre and Craft of Language	Standard 8: All students will explore and use the characteristics of different types of texts, aesthetic elements, and mechanics—including text structure, figurative and descriptive language, spelling, punctuation, and grammar—to construct and convey meaning.	1. Identify and use selectively mechanics that facilitate understanding. Examples include organizational patterns, documentation of sources, appropriate punctuation, grammatical constructions, conventional spelling, and the use of connective devices, such as transitions and paraphrasing an oral message completely and accurately.	Business English Fitness, Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2