

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

The Language Arts Framework, revised in 2000, provides a description of what students should know and do in English, language arts, and reading classrooms, kindergarten through twelfth grade. The framework addresses the interrelatedness of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing. The framework combines and replaces the previously separate curriculum structures for reading and for English language arts. The framework takes effect in fall 1997 and may be taught in the transition year 1996-97.

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Grade 3

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	10. Demonstrate continuous progress toward the use of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, and Standard English in the context of writing and speaking. (R, W, S, L, V)	a. Demonstrate knowledge of grammar and usage including but not limited to nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, subject-verb agreement, noun plurals, punctuation, and capitalization.	Grammar Fitness Set 1

Grade 4

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward the use of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, and Standard English in the context of writing and speaking. (R, W, S, L, V)	a. Demonstrate knowledge of grammar and usage including but not limited to nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, subject-verb agreement, noun plurals, punctuation, and capitalization.	Grammar Fitness Set 1

Grade 5

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward the use of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, and Standard English in the context of writing and speaking. (R, W, S, L, V)	a. Demonstrate knowledge of grammar and usage including but not limited to nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, subject-verb agreement, noun plurals, punctuation, and capitalization.	Grammar Fitness Set 1
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward the use of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, and Standard English in the context of writing and speaking. (R, W, S, L, V)	c. Apply correct grammar skills in speaking and writing.	Grammar Fitness Set 1
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward the use of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, and Standard English in the context of writing and speaking. (R, W, S, L, V)	e. Use correct sentence structure in speaking, writing, and editing/proofreading.	Grammar Fitness Set 1; Write it Right Set 1

Grade 6

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	a. Demonstrate knowledge of grammar and usage, including, but not limited to, parts of speech, all punctuation marks, capitalization, verb tense, subject-verb agreement, subordination, pronoun reference, participle and gerund phrases, and basic sentence elements.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	b. Interact with increasing competency using standard English when writing and speaking in a variety of situations.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	c. Apply correct grammar in speaking, writing, and reading.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	d. Apply correct usage in speaking, writing, and editing/proofreading.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	e. Use correct sentence structure in speaking, writing, and editing/proofreading.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1

Grade 7

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	a. Demonstrate knowledge of grammar and usage, including, but not limited to, parts of speech, all punctuation marks, capitalization, verb tense, subject-verb agreement, subordination, pronoun reference, and basic sentence elements.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	b. Interact with increasing competency using standard English when writing and speaking in a variety of situations.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	c. Apply correct grammar in speaking and writing.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	d. Apply correct usage in speaking, writing, and editing/proofreading.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	e. Use correct sentence structure in speaking, writing, and editing/proofreading.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1

Grade 8

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	a. Demonstrate knowledge of grammar and usage, including, but not limited to, verb forms, verbals, modifiers, pronoun-antecedent agreement, compound/complex sentences, punctuation, and capitalization.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up

Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	b. Interact competently using standard English when writing and speaking in a variety of situations.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	c. Apply correct grammar in speaking and writing.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	11. Demonstrate continuous progress toward control of penmanship, grammar, mechanics, sentence structure, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	d. Apply correct usage in speaking, writing, and editing/proofreading.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	12. Acquire and use appropriate vocabulary and spelling concepts.	a. Demonstrate correct spelling.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3

Grade 9

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	1. Produce writing which reflects increasing proficiency through planning, writing, revising, and editing and which is specific to audience and purpose.	b. Edit writing to reflect correct grammar, usage, and mechanics.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	a. Employ editing skills to identify and correct problems of specific grammar conventions in various kinds or writings.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	b. Demonstrate, in the context of their own writing, proficient use of the conventions of standard English, including but not limited to, the following, complete sentences, subject-verb agreement, plurals, spelling, possessives, verb forms, punctuation, capitalization, pronouns, pronoun-antecedent agreement, and parallel structure.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness

Grade 10

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	a. Infuse the study of grammar and vocabulary into written and oral communication.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	b. Demonstrate, in the context of their own writing, proficient use of the conventions of standard English, including, but not limited to, the following: complete sentences, subject-verb agreement, plurals, spellings, homophones, possessives, verb forms, punctuation, capitalization, pronouns, pronoun/antecedent agreement, parallel structure, and dangling and misplaced modifiers.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	d. Employ increasingly proficient editing skills to identify and solve problems in grammar, usage, and structure.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness

Grade 11

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Writing	1. Produce writing which reflects increasing proficiency through planning, writing, revising, and editing and which is specific to audience and purpose.	f. Edit writing to reflect correct grammar, usage, and mechanics.	Business English Fitness, Write It Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4
Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	a. Understand the features and structure of conventional English to produce texts free of substandard usage.	Business English Fitness, Write It Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4

Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	b. Demonstrate, in the context of their own writing, proficient use of the conventions of standard English, including, but not limited to, the following: complete sentences, subject-verb agreement, plurals, spellings, homophones, possessives, verb forms, punctuation, capitalization, pronouns, pronoun/antecedent agreement, parallel structure, dangling and misplaced modifiers, and shifts in voice, tense, structure, and person.	Business English Fitness, Write It Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4
Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	c. Exhibit control of language in context by manipulating sentence structure.	Business English Fitness, Write It Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4
Writing	9. Sustain progress toward fluent control of grammar, mechanics, and usage of standard English in the context of writing and speaking.	d. Use editing strategies to improve writing proficiency.	Business English Fitness, Write It Right Set 2, Grammar Fitness Set 4