

Montana Standards for Writing as Compared to Merit Software Process Writing Programs

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WRITING

CONTENT STANDARD	STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS	MERIT SOFTWARE
Standard 1: Students write clearly and effectively	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize text in paragraphs with clear beginning, middle and end. 2. Develop a main idea through some supporting details. 3. Demonstrate awareness of personal voice, sentence structure and word choice. 4. Apply conventions of standard written English appropriate for grade level and purpose. 	<p>Starter Paragraph Punch</p> <p>Read and Respond Punch</p>
Standard 2: Students apply a range of skills and strategies in the writing process.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan writing by generating and organizing ideas and by considering purpose and audience. 2. Write a draft that captures and organizes ideas. 3. Revise writing at the word, sentence and paragraph 4. Edit by correcting grammatical errors. 5. Share or publish a legible final product. 	<p>Starter Paragraph Punch</p> <p>Read and Respond Punch</p>
Standard 6: Students use the inquiry process, problem solving strategies, and resources to synthesize and communicate information.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pose questions or identify problems 2. Use selected technologies and information sources. 3. Identify explanations and draw a conclusion based on information. 4. Share information for intended audiences. 	<p>Starter Paragraph Punch</p> <p>Read and Respond Punch</p>

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRITING

CONTENT STANDARD	STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS	MERIT SOFTWARE
Standard 1: Students write clearly and effectively	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize text in paragraphs with clear beginning, middle and end using transitions and logical sequence. 2. Develop a main idea through some supporting details. 3. Demonstrate awareness of personal voice, sentence structure and word choice. 4. Apply conventions of standard written English appropriate for grade level and purpose. 	<p>Paragraph Punch</p> <p>Essay Punch</p>
Standard 2: Students apply a range of skills and strategies in the writing process.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan writing by generating and organizing ideas and by considering purpose and audience. 2. Write a draft that captures and organizes ideas. 	<p>Paragraph Punch</p> <p>Essay Punch</p>

HIGH SCHOOL WRITING

CONTENT STANDARD	STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS	MERIT SOFTWARE
Standard 1: Students write clearly and effectively	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize text in paragraphs with clear beginning, middle and end using transitions and logical sequence. 2. Develop and elaborate main ideas through specific supporting details. 3. Demonstrate awareness of personal voice, sentence structure and word choice. 4. Apply conventions of standard written English appropriate for grade level and purpose. 	<p>Essay Punch</p> <p>Paragraph Punch</p>
Standard 2: Students apply a range of skills and strategies in the writing process.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan writing by generating and organizing ideas and by considering purpose and audience. 2. Write a draft that captures, explores and organizes ideas. 	<p>Essay Punch</p> <p>Paragraph Punch</p>

	3. Share or publish a legible final product.	
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