

Nebraska English Language Arts Standards Correlated to Merit Software Process Writing Programs

GRADE 4

| Objective | Expectations | Merit Software |
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| By the end of the fourth grade, students will write paragraphs/reports with focus, related ideas, and supporting details. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a variety of strategies to generate and organize ideas. • Write several paragraphs on the same topic. • Write compositions with a beginning, middle and end. | Starter Paragraph Punch |
| By the end of the fourth grade, students will demonstrate the use of multiple forms to write for different audiences and purposes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write descriptive and narrative compositions about experiences, stories, people, objects, and events. | Starter Paragraph Punch |

GRADE 8

| Objective | Expectations | Merit Software |
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| By the end of the eighth grade, students will write compositions with focus, related ideas, and supporting details. | <p>Use a variety of strategies to generate and organize ideas.</p> <p>Write compositions with an introduction, body, and conclusion.</p> <p>Select a topic of appropriate breadth for the particular situation.</p> | Paragraph Punch |

GRADE 12

| Objective | Expectations | Merit Software |
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| <p>By the end of the twelfth grade, students will write compositions with focus, related ideas, and supporting details.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a variety of strategies to generate and organize ideas. • Write compositions with an introduction, body, and conclusion. • Select a topic of appropriate breadth for the particular situation. • Write narrative, descriptive, and/or expository compositions. | <p>Paragraph Punch</p> <p>Essay Punch</p> |
| <p>By the end of the twelfth grade, students will revise and edit persuasive compositions.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise to improve content, organization, word choice, voice, and sentence fluency. • Edit using standard English conventions in their writing across the curriculum. • Use legible writing and/or a word processor when publishing written work. | <p>Paragraph Punch</p> <p>Essay Punch</p> |