

# Nebraska English Language Arts Standards Correlated to Merit Software Writing Mechanics – Grammar Programs

## GRADE 4

Objective	Expectations	Merit Software
By the end of the fourth grade, students will write using standard English (conventions) for sentence structure, usage, punctuation, capitalization and spelling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and paragraph indentation.</li> <li>• Identify and use nouns, verbs, and personal pronouns.</li> </ul>	Grammar Fitness
By the end of the fourth grade, students will revise and edit narrative compositions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise to improve organization, content, word choice, voice, and sentence fluency.</li> <li>• Edit using standard English conventions. • Use legible cursive writing and/or a word processor when publishing written work.</li> <li>• Use established criteria to evaluate their own writing.</li> </ul>	Grammar Fitness

## GRADE 8

Objective	Expectations	Merit Software
By the end of the eighth grade, students will write using standard English (conventions) for sentence structure, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and paragraph indentation.</li> <li>Identify and use all parts of speech.</li> <li>Use a variety of sentence structures.</li> </ul>	Grammar Fitness Grammar Shape-Up Write It Right
By the end of the eighth grade, students will revise and edit descriptive compositions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise to improve voice, content, organization, word choice, and sentence fluency.</li> <li>Edit using standard English conventions.</li> <li>Use legible writing and/or a word processor when publishing written work.</li> <li>Use established criteria to evaluate their own writing.</li> </ul>	Grammar Fitness Grammar Shape-Up Write It Right

## GRADE 12

Objective	Expectations	Merit Software
By the end of the twelfth grade, students will write using standard English (conventions) for sentence structure, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use correct capitalization, spelling and paragraph indentation.</li> <li>Use correct punctuation in sentences with embedded parts (appositives, restrictive and non-restrictive clauses, interruptions, explanatory notes, and examples).</li> <li>Use all parts of speech</li> </ul>	Grammar Shape-Up Write It Right Grammar Fitness for Upper Grades

	<p>correctly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use a variety of sentence structures.</li><li>• Use correct punctuation and capitalization when writing footnotes/endnotes.</li></ul>	
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