

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

The revised curriculum (1999) is based upon surveys of the effectiveness of the previous curriculum, current educational research, and input from public school teachers, administrators, college and university faculties, parents, and business and community leaders. In addition, the revised curriculum is based on national curriculum standards developed jointly by the National Council of Teachers of English and the International Reading Association and on language arts standards developed by the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

The *North Carolina English Language Arts Standard Course of Study* clearly defines a curriculum supporting the ABC's school reform effort as well as the North Carolina Testing Program. These revisions maintain a forward focus by looking at what students will need to know and to be able to do as successful and contributing citizens in our state and nation in the years ahead.

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Grade 3

Subhead	Competency Goals	Objectives	Benchmarks	Merit Software
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.01 Use correct capitalization (e.g., geographical place names, holidays, special events, titles) and punctuation (e.g., commas in greetings, dates, city and state; underlining book titles; periods after initials and abbreviated titles; apostrophes in contractions).		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.02 Use correct subject/verb agreement.		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.03 Demonstrate understanding by using a variety of complete sentences (declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory) in writing and speaking.		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.05 Use a number of strategies for spelling (e.g., sound patterns, visual patterns, silent letters, less common letter groupings).		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.07 Edit (with assistance) to use conventions of written language and format.		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Grade 4

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Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.01 Use correct capitalization (e.g., names of languages, nationalities, musical compositions) and punctuation (e.g., commas in a series, commas in direct address, commas and quotation marks in dialogue, apostrophes in possessives).		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.02 Demonstrate understanding in speaking and writing by appropriate usage of:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pronouns. • subject/verb agreement. • verb tense consistency. • subject consistency. 	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.03 Elaborate information and ideas in writing and speaking by using:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • simple and compound sentences. • regular and irregular verbs. • adverbs. • prepositions. • coordinating conjunctions. 	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.05 Use visual (orthography) and meaning-based strategies as primary sources for correct spelling.		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.07 Use established criteria to edit for language conventions and format.		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.08 Demonstrate evidence of language cohesion by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> logical sequence of fiction and nonfiction retells. time order sequence of events. sustaining conversations on a topic. 	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
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Grade 5

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Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.01 Consistently use correct capitalization (e.g., names of magazines, newspapers, organizations) and punctuation (e.g., colon to introduce a list, commas in apposition, commas used in compound sentences).		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.02 Demonstrate understanding in speaking and writing by using:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> troublesome verbs. nominative, objective, and possessive pronouns. 	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.03 Elaborate information and ideas in speaking and writing by using:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepositional phrases. transitions. coordinating and/or subordinating conjunctions. 	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.05 Spell most commonly used words accurately using a multi-strategy approach to the learning of new spellings.		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Writing	Competency Goal 5 The learner will apply grammar and language conventions to communicate effectively.	5.07 Edit final product for grammar, language conventions, and format.		Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
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Grade 6

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Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	using a variety of sentence types correctly, punctuating them properly, and avoiding fragments and run-ons.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	using appropriate subject-verb agreement and verb tense that are appropriate for the meaning of the sentence.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	demonstrating the different roles of the parts of speech in sentence construction.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	using pronouns correctly, including clear antecedents and correct case.	Grammar Fitness Set 2, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	using phrases and clauses correctly (e.g., prepositional phrases, appositives, dependent and independent clauses).	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.02 Identify and edit errors in spoken and written English by:	producing final drafts that demonstrate accurate spelling and the correct use of punctuation and capitalization.	Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2, Write it Right Set 1

Grade 7

Subhead	Competency Goals	Objectives	Benchmarks	Merit Software
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of application of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using a variety of sentences correctly, punctuating them properly, and avoiding fragments and run-ons. 	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of application of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using subject-verb agreement and verb tense that are appropriate for the meaning of the sentence. 	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of application of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applying the parts of speech to clarify language usage. 	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of application of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using pronouns correctly, including clear antecedents and correct case. 	Grammar Fitness Set 2, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of application of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using phrases and clauses correctly, including proper punctuation (e.g., prepositional phrases, appositives, dependent and independent clauses). 	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of application of grammar and language usage.	6.02 Continue to identify and edit errors in spoken and written English by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> producing final drafts/presentations that demonstrate accurate spelling and the correct use of punctuation, capitalization, and format. 	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Grade 8

Subhead	Competency Goals	Objectives	Benchmarks	Merit Software
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using a variety of sentence types, punctuating properly, and avoiding fragments and run-ons. 	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using subject-verb agreement and verb tense that are appropriate for the meaning of the sentence. 	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applying the parts of speech to clarify language usage. 	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using pronouns correctly, including clear antecedents and case. 	Grammar Fitness Set 2, Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Model an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using phrases and clauses correctly, including proper punctuation (e.g. prepositional phrases, appositives, dependent and independent clauses.) 	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.02 Continue to identify and edit errors in spoken and written English by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> producing final drafts/presentations that demonstrate accurate spelling and the correct use of punctuation, capitalization, and format. 	Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

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Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression that:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses varying sentence types (e.g., simple, compound, complex, compound-complex) purposefully, correctly, and for specific effect. 	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression that:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> selects verb tense to show an appropriate sense of time. 	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression that:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applies parts of speech to clarify and edit language. 	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression that:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> addresses clarity and style through such strategies as parallelism; appropriate coordination and subordination; variety and details; appropriate and exact words; and conciseness. 	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.02 Discern and correct errors in spoken and written English by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> avoiding fragments, run-ons, and comma splices. selecting correct subject-verb agreement, consistent verb tense, and appropriate verbs. using and placing modifiers correctly. editing for spelling and mechanics (punctuation and capitalization). 	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness

Grade 10

Subhead	Competency Goals	Objectives	Benchmarks	Merit Software
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.01 Demonstrate an understanding of conventional written and spoken expression by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employing varying sentence structures (e.g., inversion, introductory phrases) and sentence types (e.g., simple, compound, complex, compound-complex). 	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.02 Edit for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subject-verb agreement, tense choice, pronoun usage, clear antecedents, correct case, and complete sentences. • appropriate and correct mechanics (commas, italics, underlining, semicolon, colon, apostrophe, quotation marks). • parallel structure. • spelling. 	Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness, Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4

Grade 11

Subhead	Competency Goals	Objectives	Benchmarks	Merit Software
Writing	Competency Goal 6 The learner will apply conventions of grammar and language usage.	6.02 Discern and correct errors in speaking and writing at a level appropriate to eleventh grade by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviewing and refining purposeful use of varying sentence types with correct punctuation. • reviewing and refining correct pronoun usage, antecedents, and case. • refining subject/verb agreement and choice of tense. • extending effective use of phrases and clauses. • editing for correct spelling and mechanics. 	Grammar Fitness Set 4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness