

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"> • Identify and use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and paragraph indentation. • Identify and use nouns, verbs, and personal pronouns. 	Grammar Fitness
By the end of the fourth grade, students will revise and edit narrative compositions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise to improve organization, content, word choice, voice, and sentence fluency. • Edit using standard English conventions. • Use legible cursive writing and/or a word processor when publishing written work. • Use established criteria to evaluate their own writing. 	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"> Identify and use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and paragraph indentation. Identify and use all parts of speech. Use a variety of sentence structures. 	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"> Revise to improve voice, content, organization, word choice, and sentence fluency. Edit using standard English conventions. Use legible writing and/or a word processor when publishing written work. Use established criteria to evaluate their own writing. 	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"> Use correct capitalization, spelling and paragraph indentation. Use correct punctuation in sentences with embedded parts (appositives, restrictive and non-restrictive clauses, interruptions, explanatory notes, and examples). Use all parts of speech correctly. 	Grammar Shape-Up Write It Right Grammar Fitness for Upper Grades

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