

Oregon English/Language Arts Grade-Level Standards Correlated to Merit Software Process Writing Programs

Elementary School

| Objective | Expectations | Merit Software |
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| <p>Communicate supported ideas across the subject areas, including relevant examples, facts, anecdotes, and details appropriate to audience and purpose that engage reader interest; organize information in clear sequence, making connections and transitions among ideas, sentences, and paragraphs; and use precise words and fluent sentence structures that support meaning.</p> | <p>Write multi-paragraph compositions that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an inviting introductory paragraph. • Establish and support a central idea with a topic sentence at or near the beginning of the first paragraph. • Include supporting paragraphs with simple facts, details, and explanations. • Present important ideas or events in sequence or chronological order. • Provide details and transitions to link paragraphs. • Conclude with a paragraph that summarizes the points. • Use correct indentation. | <p>Starter Paragraph Punch</p> |

Middle School

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| <p>Communicate supported ideas across the subject areas, including relevant examples, facts, anecdotes, and details appropriate to audience and purpose that engage reader interest; organize information in clear sequence, making connections and transitions among ideas, sentences, and paragraphs; and use precise words and fluent sentence structures that support meaning.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create compositions that engage the reader, have a clear message, a coherent thesis, and end with a clear and well-supported conclusion.• Support theses or conclusions with quotations, opinions from experts, paraphrases, analogies, and/or similar devices.• Establish coherence within and among paragraphs through effective transitions and parallel structures.• Use descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas by establishing tone and mood through figurative language, sensory images, and comparisons. | <p>Paragraph Punch</p> <p>Essay Punch</p> |