

**Pennsylvania Academic Standards
correlated to
Merit Software Writing Mechanics- Grammar Programs**

Revised in January 2003, the Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening Standards describe what students should know and be able to do with the English language at four grade levels (third, fifth, eighth and eleventh). The standards provide the targets for instruction and student learning essential for success in all academic areas, not just language arts classrooms. Although the standards are not a curriculum or a prescribed series of activities, school entities will use them to develop a local school curriculum that will meet local students' needs.

Merit's Writing Mechanics-Grammar programs address the following Pennsylvania Academic Standards:

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Grade 3

Subhead	Content	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	1.5. Quality of Writing	1.5.3.F. Edit writing using the conventions of language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spell common, frequently used words correctly. • Use capital letters correctly (first word in sentences, proper nouns, pronoun "I"). • Punctuate correctly (periods, exclamation points, question marks, commas in a series). • Use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions properly. • Use complete sentences (simple, compound, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative). 	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up

Grade 5

Subhead	Content	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	1.5. Quality of Writing	1.5.5.F. Edit writing using the conventions of language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spell common, frequently used words correctly. • Use capital letters correctly. • Punctuate correctly (periods, exclamation points, question marks, apostrophes). • Use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions and interjections properly. • Use complete sentences (simple, compound, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative). 	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up

Grades 6-8

Subhead	Content	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	1.5. Quality of Writing	1.5.8.F. Edit writing using the conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuate correctly (periods, exclamation points, question marks, commas, quotation marks, apostrophes, colons, semicolons, parentheses). 	Grammar Fitness Sets 1, 2, 3
Writing	1.5. Quality of Writing	1.5.8.F. Edit writing using the conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions and interjections properly. 	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	1.5. Quality of Writing	1.5.8.F. Edit writing using the conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use complete sentences (simple, compound, complex, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative). 	Grammar Fitness Sets 1, 2, 3, Write It Right Set 1

Grades 9-11

Subhead	Content	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	1.5. Quality of Writing	1.5.11.F. Edit writing using the conventions of language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punctuate correctly (periods, exclamation points, question marks, commas, quotation marks, apostrophes, colons, semicolons, parentheses, hyphens, brackets, ellipses). 	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	1.5. Quality of Writing	1.5.11.F. Edit writing using the conventions of language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions and interjections properly. 	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	1.5. Quality of Writing	1.5.11.F. Edit writing using the conventions of language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use complete sentences (simple, compound, complex, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative). 	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness