

Utah English Language Arts Content Standards Correlated to Merit Software Writing Mechanics – Grammar Programs

Elementary School

| Standard | Expectation | Merit Software |
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| Edit written draft for conventions. | <p>1. Edit writing for correct capitalization and punctuation (i.e., words in a series, dialogue, complex sentences, singular possessives, abbreviations).</p> <p>2. Edit for spelling of grade level-appropriate words.</p> <p>3. Edit for standard grammar (e.g., subject-verb agreement, verb tense, irregular verbs).</p> <p>4. Edit for appropriate formatting features (e.g., margins, indentations, titles, headings).</p> | <p>Basic English Fitness</p> <p>Grammar Fitness</p> |

Middle School

| Standard | Expectations | Merit Software |
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| Edit written draft for conventions. | <p>1. Revise and edit to strengthen ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency and conventions.</p> | <p>Grammar Fitness</p> <p>Grammar Shape-Up</p> <p>Write It Right</p> |

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| | <p>2. An introduction, body, and conclusion with a controlling idea, topic sentences, and supporting details.</p> <p>3. Words appropriate to audience.</p> <p>4. Consistent, appropriate voice.</p> <p>5. Edit for: Correct verb tenses, correct use of relative pronouns, correct use of quotation marks and commas in dialogue, correct agreement of pronouns and antecedents, correct capitalization of titles of books, poems, etc., and titles of courses, correct sentence construction</p> | |
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High School

| Standard | Expectations | Merit Software |
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| Edit written draft for conventions. | <p>1. Revise and edit to strengthen ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions.</p> <p>2. Control of organizational elements in multiple paragraph texts (e.g., thesis, details, leads, conclusions, and</p> | <p>Grammar Shape-Up</p> <p>Write It Right</p> <p>Grammar Fitness for Upper Grades</p> |

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| | <p>transitions).</p> <p>3. Varied transitions that connect ideas within and between paragraphs.</p> <p>4. Consistent, appropriate voice.</p> <p>5. Edit for: Correct verb tenses, correct use of relative pronouns, correct use of quotation marks and commas in dialogue, correct agreement of pronouns and antecedents, correct capitalization of titles of books, poems, etc., and titles of courses, correct sentence construction</p> | |
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