

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

Adopted in November 2002 by the state Board of Education, the Standards of Learning set reasonable targets and expectations for what teachers need to teach and students need to learn. The standards are not intended to encompass the entire curriculum for a given grade level or course or to prescribe how the content should be taught; the standards are to be incorporated into a broader, locally designed curriculum. Teachers are encouraged to go beyond the standards and select instructional strategies and assessment methods appropriate for their students.

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Grades 3

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Reading	3.2 The student will present brief oral reports.	e) Use grammatically correct language and specific vocabulary to communicate ideas.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	3.11 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	a) Use complete and varied sentences.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	3.11 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	b) Use the word I in compound subjects.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	3.11 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	c) Use past and present verb tense.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up

Writing	3.11 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	d) Use singular possessives.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	3.11 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	e) Use commas in a simple series.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	3.11 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	f) Use simple abbreviations.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	3.11 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	g) Use apostrophes in contractions with pronouns.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	3.11 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	h) Use correct spelling for high-frequency sight words, including irregular plurals.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up

Grade 4

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Reading	4.1 The student will use effective oral communication skills in a variety of settings.	e) Use grammatically correct language and specific vocabulary to communicate ideas.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	a) Use subject-verb agreement.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up
Writing	4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	b) Include prepositional phrases.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1

Writing	4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	c) Eliminate double negatives.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	d) Use noun-pronoun agreement.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up
Writing	4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	e) Use commas in series, dates, and addresses.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	f) Incorporate adjectives and adverbs.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up
Writing	4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	g) Use the articles a, an, and the correctly.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up
Writing	4.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	h) Use correct spelling for frequently used words, including common homophones.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1

Grade 5

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Reading	5.3 The student will make planned oral presentations.	e) Use grammatically correct language and specific vocabulary.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1

Reading	5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	a) Use plural possessives.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Reading	5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	b) Use adjective and adverb comparisons.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1, Grammar Shape-Up
Reading	5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	c) Identify and use interjections.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Reading	5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	d) Use apostrophes in contractions and possessives.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Reading	5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	e) Use quotation marks with dialogue.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Reading	5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	f) Use commas to indicate interrupters and in the salutation and closing of a letter.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
Reading	5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	g) Use a hyphen to divide words at the end of a line.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1

Reading	5.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	h) Edit for clausal fragments, run-on sentences, and excessive coordination.	Grammar Fitness Set 1, Grammar Fitness Set 2, Write it Right Set 1
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Grade 6

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	6.7 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.	b) Use subject-verb agreement with intervening phrases and clauses.	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2
Writing	6.7 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.	c) Use pronoun-antecedent agreement to include indefinite pronouns.	Grammar Fitness Set 2
Writing	6.7 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.	d) Maintain consistent tense inflections across paragraphs.	Grammar Fitness Set 2
Writing	6.7 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.	e) Choose adverbs to describe verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.	Write It Right Set 1, Grammar Fitness Sets 1-2

Grade 7

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	7.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	b) Demonstrate understanding of sentence formation by identifying the eight parts of speech and their functions in sentences.	Grammar Shape Up
Writing	7.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	c) Choose pronouns to agree with antecedents.	Grammar Fitness Set 2
Writing	7.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	d) Use subject-verb agreement with intervening phrases and clauses.	Grammar Fitness Set 2

Writing	7.9 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	e) Edit for verb tense consistency.	Grammar Fitness Set 2
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Grade 8

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	8.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	b) Use and punctuate correctly varied sentence structures to include conjunctions and transition words.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	8.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	c) Choose the correct case and number for pronouns in prepositional phrases with compound objects.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	8.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	d) Maintain consistent verb tense across paragraphs.	Grammar Fitness Sets 2-3, Write it Right Set 1
Writing	8.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	e) Use comparative and superlative degrees in adverbs and adjectives.	Grammar Shape Up

Grade 9

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	9.6 The student will develop narrative, expository, and informational writings to inform, explain, analyze, or entertain.	d) Write clear, varied sentences.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2
Writing	9.6 The student will develop narrative, expository, and informational writings to inform, explain, analyze, or entertain.	e) Use specific vocabulary and information.	Grammar Fitness Set 3
Writing	9.6 The student will develop narrative, expository, and informational writings to inform, explain, analyze, or entertain.	h) Proofread and prepare final product for intended audience and purpose.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	9.7 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	a) Use and apply rules for the parts of a sentence, including subject/verb, direct/indirect object, and predicate nominative/predicate adjective.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness

Writing	9.7 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	b) Use parallel structures across sentences and paragraphs.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	9.7 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	c) Use appositives, main clauses, and subordinate clauses.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write It Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	9.7 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	d) Use commas and semicolons to distinguish and divide main and subordinate clauses.	Grammar Fitness Set 3

Grade 10

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	10.7 The student will develop a variety of writing, with an emphasis on exposition.	c) Write clear, varied sentences.	Grammar Fitness Sets 3-4, Write it Right Set 2. Business English Fitness

Grade 11

Subhead	Standard	Benchmark	Merit Software
Writing	11.8 The student will edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	c) Adjust sentence and paragraph structures for a variety of purposes and audiences.	Grammar Fitness Set 4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness
Writing	11.9 The student will write, revise, and edit personal, professional, and informational correspondence to a standard acceptable in the workplace and higher education.	d) Revise writing for clarity.	Grammar Fitness Set 4, Write it Right Set 2, Business English Fitness