

ARKANSAS HANDWRITING STANDARDS
(as per Arkansas Dept. of Education: curriculum frameworks)
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KINDERGARTEN

- W.4.K.5 Write from left to right and top to bottom and use return sweep
- W.4.K.7 Apply knowledge of letters and words (i.e., groups of letters represent words and a space occurs between words, etc)
- W.4.K.10 Write simple messages independently to demonstrate the understanding that speech can be written
- W.4.K.15 Contribute to the literate environment of the classroom/school by displaying writing samples (e.g., poems, word study charts, word walls, writing samples, etc)
- W.4.k.16 Contribute to a writing portfolio
- W.5.K.4 Write daily
- W.5.K.5 Write brief personal narratives and simple informational text (i.e., journal writing, etc)
- W.6.K.5 Capitalize own name
- W.6.K.6 Capitalize pronoun I
- W.6.K.8 Write left to right with return sweep
- W.6.K.9 Leave spaces between words
- W.6.K.10 Use correct letter formation

GRADE 1

- W.4.1.18 Polish approximately ten pieces throughout the year (i.e., thank you notes, classroom book, posters, stories and poems, etc)
- W.5.1.3. Write daily
- W.5.1.6 Write thank you notes, invitations, and person narratives
- W.6.1.6. Capitalize the beginning of sentence
- W.6.1.7 Capitalize proper names
- W.6.1.9 Write with the format of lines and spaces provided by the selected paper
- W.6.1.10 Print legibly by forming letters and leaving spaces between words and sentences

GRADE 2

- W.4.2.15 Polish approximately ten pieces throughout the year (i.e., friendly letters, invitation, poems, stories, and songs etc.)
- W.5.2.3. Write daily
- W.5.2.13 Write in a personal journal
- W.5.2.14 Write independently on self-selected topics
- W.6.2.10 Capitalize the beginning of sentence
- W.6.2.11 Capitalize proper nouns
- W.6.2.16 Write legibly in manuscript

GRADE 3

- W.4.3.14 Polish approximately ten pieces throughout the year (i.e. letters, stories, poems and reports,etc)
- W.5.3.3 Write daily
- W.5.3.6 Write descriptive narratives
- W.5.3.10 Write on demand to a specified prompt within a given time frame
- W.6.3.14 Use capital letters for emphasis
- W.6.3.15 Capitalize titles and abbreviations
- W.6.3.19 Write legibly in cursive

GRADE 4

- W.4.4.13 Polish approximately ten pieces throughout the year (i.e., longer compositions, more descriptive passages, etc)
- W.5.4.4 Write daily
- W.5.4.10 Write on demand to a specified prompt within a given time frame
- W.6.4.13 Demonstrate accurate use of capital letters
- W.6.4.14 Capitalize dialogue