

Minnesota Handwriting Standards

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KINDER GARTEN		E. Handwriting and Word Processing	The student will form letters and numbers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correctly form many of the uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet; monitor and discuss the differences. 2. Correctly write the numbers zero through nine. 3. Write left to right and top to bottom. 4. Print his/her first and last names.
GRADE 1		E. Handwriting and Word Processing	The student will improve his/her handwriting.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the formation of uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet and numbers. 2. Space words and sentences appropriately.
GRADE 2		E. Handwriting and Word Processing	The student will begin to write legibly.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use legible handwriting with improved formation of the uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet and numbers. 2. Space words and sentences appropriately.
GRADE 3		E. Handwriting and Word Processing	The student will write legibly.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write legibly, allowing margins and correct spacing between letters in a word and words in a sentence. 2. Begin to make the transition to cursive. 3. Begin acquiring keyboarding skills.
GRADE 4		E. Handwriting and Word Processing	The student will write legibly and use a keyboard.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write legibly in both print and cursive. 2. Apply basic keyboarding skills.
GRADE 5		E. Handwriting and Word Processing	The student will write legibly and demonstrate effective keyboarding skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write legibly in cursive. 2. Apply keyboarding skills.
GRADE 6		E. Handwriting and Word Processing	The student will write legibly and demonstrate effective keyboarding skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write legibly in cursive. 2. Format handwritten and word-processed documents correctly.