

PISD Handwriting Instruction Expectations

Oral and Written Conventions/Handwriting, Capitalization, and Punctuation. Students write legibly and use appropriate capitalization and punctuation conventions in their compositions. Students are expected to:				
Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
K.17A form upper- and lower-case letters legibly using the basic conventions of print (left-to-right and top-to-bottom progression);	1.21A form upper- and lower-case letters legibly in text, using the basic conventions of print (left-to-right and top-to-bottom progression), including spacing between words and sentence	2.22A write legibly leaving appropriate margins for readability;	3.23A write legibly in cursive script with spacing between words in a sentence;	4.21A write legibly by selecting cursive script or manuscript printing as appropriate;
<i>Strategies</i>				
<p>Grip, Feet, Seat, Hands, Paper, Pencil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grip (proper hold on pencil/pen) • Feet flat (on the ground) • Sitting up (slightly leaned over desk) • One hand holding your paper, one hand holding your pencil/pen • Paper tilted (to match right or left handedness) • Pencil ready to write 				
<i>Handwriting Practice Resources –click on individual links</i>				
Manuscript Practice pages Practice pages Practice pages	Manuscript Practice pages Practice pages Practice pages	Manuscript Practice pages Practice pages Practice pages Cursive Practice Pages Practice Pages	Cursive Practice Pages Practice Pages	Cursive Practice Pages Practice Pages
<i>2009-2010 Handwriting Instruction Expectations</i>				
Block Manuscript recommended	Block Manuscript recommended	Continue to instruct with D’Nealian manuscript Intro to cursive the last 6 weeks of 2 nd grade	Cursive introduced and reinforced	Student choice of cursive or manuscript printing
<i>2010-2011 Handwriting Instruction Expectations</i>				
Block Manuscript recommended	Block Manuscript recommended	Continue to instruct with Block manuscript Intro to cursive in the last 6-weeks of 2 nd grade	Cursive introduced and reinforced	Student choice of cursive or manuscript printing

For additional information on handwriting instruction and interventions, please see our [Elementary ELA/SLA page](#).