

GA Handwriting Expectations

Kindergarten

- Use fine motor skills to form legible letters and words in print.
 - Form all uppercase and lowercase letters.
 - Form words, including first and last names.
 - Use appropriate spacing between letters, words, and sentences.
- Use working memory skills to transcribe oral language into written text and maintain meaning while writing letters, words, and sentences quickly and accurately.
 - Practice basic transcription skills.
 - Begin building handwriting fluency by forming accurate letters, including those in first and last names.

1st Grade

- Use fine motor skills to form legible letters and words in print.
 - Form all uppercase and lowercase letters and words with accuracy and consistency.
 - Form words with accuracy and consistency.
 - Use appropriate spacing between letters, words, and sentences across lines on a page.
- Use working memory to transcribe oral language to written text and maintain meaning while writing letters, words, and sentences quickly and accurately.
 - Perform basic transcription skills.
 - Build handwriting fluency by forming accurate letters and words with increasing speed.

2nd Grade

- Use fine motor skills to form legible letters and words in print.
 - Form all uppercase and lowercase letters and words with accuracy, consistency, and efficiency.
 - Form words and sentences efficiently.
 - Use appropriate spacing throughout the body of a text.
- Use working memory to transcribe oral language to written text and maintain meaning while writing letters, words, and sentences quickly and accurately.
 - Efficiently and accurately transcribe text.
 - Track and maintain speed and efficiency while forming words and sentences.

3rd Grade

- Read texts written in cursive.
 - Read phrases and sentences written in cursive.
- Use fine motor skills to form legible letters and words in cursive.
 - Practice forming cursive letters and connectors in words.
 - Use appropriate spacing between cursive words in a sentence.

4th Grade

- Read texts written in cursive.
 - Read short texts written in cursive.
- Use fine motor skills to form legible letters and words in cursive.
 - Form cursive letters and words legibly, using connectors between letters inside words.
 - Use appropriate spacing between cursive words in a sentence across lines on a page.

5th Grade

- Read texts written in cursive.
 - Read a variety of texts written in cursive.
- Use fine motor skills to form legible letters and words in cursive.
 - Produce texts using cursive writing legibly and efficiently.
 - Use appropriate spacing throughout the body of a text when writing in cursive.