

A Handbook for Writers





Student Name:

This handbook was designed by Roseland District Educators as a writing tool for students. Teachers in the Roseland School Districts have agreed upon the MLA format for all formal essays and reports.

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а	bright	conscious	discreet	fancy
able	brilliant	conservative	disgusting	fantastic
absent-minded	broad	considerate	disobedient	fascinating
abusive	brunette	consistent	disorganized	fashionable
active	brutal	contorted	distinctive	fast
adaptable	bubbly	conversational	divine	fearless
adventurous	-	cool	dogged	feeling
affirmative	с	cooperative	dogmatic	feeling
afraid	calculating	corny	domestic	fierce
aggressive	calm	correct	downright	filthy
alert	capable	courageous	dreadful	fine
ambitious	carefree	cowardly	drunken	finicky
angry	careful	crazy	dry	firm
annoyed	careless	creative	dull	first-class
anonymous	catatonic	crisp	dumb	fit
anxious	chaotic	critical		flipped-out
apathetic	charming	cross	e	foolhardy
appreciated	chatty	cultured	eager	fortunate
appropriate	cheap	curious	easy-going	foxy
arrogant	cheeky	curt	ebullient	frantic
asleep	cheerful	cute	educated	free
assertive	chic		elegant	frenzied
athletic	childish	d	embarrassed	friendly
attractive	childlike	dangerous	emotional	friendly
available	chilly	daring	emphatic	funny
average	classic	dark	energetic	furious
awake	classy	dead	enlightened	fussy
aware	clean	deadly	enterprising	2
awful	clear-headed	deaf	enthusiastic	g
	clever	dear	envious	generous
b	closed	deceitful	evil	genial
bad	clueless	decent	exacting	genius
bad-tempered	clumsy	dedicated	excellent	genuine
bashful	coarse	deliberate	excessive	gifted
beautiful	cockeyed	delicate	excited	glad
best	cold	demented	exciting	glum
biased	cold-blooded	dependent	explosive	good
big	committed	depressed	exuberant	good-humored
bitter	common	desperate		good-natured
blessed	compact	destructive	f	grateful
blonde	complex	determined	fainthearted	greasy
blue	complicated	detestable	fair	great
bold	conceited	devilish	faithful	greedy
boring	confused	direct	familiar	gross
brief	conscientious	dirty	famous	grumpy
				guilty
				gutsy

h	interesting	married	р	q
happy	international	matchless	pampered	quaint
hard	intolerant	mature	partial	quarrelsome
hardheaded	intriguing	mean	passionate	queenly
hardworking	irascible	melancholy	passive	quick
haughty	irresistible	menacing	patient	quiet
healthy	irritating	merry	peculiar	quirky
heartless		messy	pensive	
hefty	j	mexican	perfect	r
helpful	jealous	mighty	persevering	radical
high	jolly	mindless	persistent	ratty
holy	joyful	miserable	personal	ready
home-loving	joyous	mistrustful	pessimistic	reasonable
honest	jumpy	mocking	petty	rebellious
hospitable	just	modern	phlegmatic	reckless
huge		modest	photographic	reclining
humane	k	moody	placid	red-faced
humble	keen	moral	plain	refined
humorous	kicking	moral	plastic	reliable
hungry	kind	musical	pleasant	religious
hyper			pleasing	repulsive
hysterical	1	n	polite	reserved
	laid-back	naked	political	respectful
i	large	narrow	poor	responsible
idealistic	late	narrow-minded	popular	revolutionary
ignorant	lazy	natural	portly	rich
ill	lethargic	naughty	positive	righteous
ill-tempered	liberal	neat	possessive	risky
imaginary	light	negative	powerful	romantic
impartial	likable	nervous	practical	rough
important	lively	nice	prejudiced	rude
impossible	lone	nifty	pretty	
impulsive	lonely	nitpicking	private	S
incapable	lonesome	normal	progress-minded	sad
incoherent	long		progressive	sadistic
inconsiderate	loopy	0	proper	sarcastic
independent	loose	oafish	prosperous	satisfied
indifferent	loud	oblivious	protective	saucy
indiscreet	lovely	obvious	proud	savage
industrious	low	odd	psychopathic	scary
inexperienced	loyal	old-fashioned	puerile	secret
infamous	lucky	open	punchy	secure
inflexible	Lucity	open-minded	punctual	self-centered
innocent	m	optimistic	pure	self-confident
insignificant	mad	orderly	purposeful	self-conscious
intellectual	magic	ordinary	1 I	self-effacing
intelligent	magnificent	outgoing		selfish
intense	maniacal	outlandish		senior
	mamavai			_ , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

sensible	straight	uncertain	wobbly
sensitive	strange	unchanging	wonderful
sensual	strong	unclear	woolly
sentimental	stubborn	uncomfortable	woozy
serious	stuck-up	uncommunicative	working-class
sexy	studious	uncompromising	worn out
shaky	stumped	unconcerned	wrong
shallow	stupid	unconscious	C
sharp	stylish	unemotional	х
short	suburban	unfortunate	-
shy	successful	unfriendly	y
significant	sufficient	unharmed	young
silent	super	uninhibited	youthful
silly	superficial	unique	youthful
simple	superstitious	unrealistic	Z
sincere	sure	unseen	z zany
single	sweaty	unselfish	zealous
single-minded	sweet	unspeakable	zealous
skillful	sympathetic	unstable	Othors?
slack	-)F	unsure	<u>Others?</u>
slack jawed	t	unusual	
slight	taciturn	unworried	
sloppy	tactful	upbeat	
slow	tactless	upset	
sluggish	talented		
small	talkative	V	
smart	tall	vain	
smoky	terrific	valued	
smug	thankful	vegetarian	
snobby	theological	vicious	
snotty	thick	victorious	
sociable	thin	victorious	
soft	thoughtful	W	
solid	thrifty	warm	
sour	tidy	warm hearted	
spaced out	tight	wary	
special	timid	weak	
speedy	tolerant	weird	
spellbinding	touchy	well-informed	
spiteful	tough	well-balanced	
spoilt	tricky	well-behaved	
spontaneous	trustworthy	well-dressed	
sporting	typical	well-informed	
square	JPiour	well-known	
stable	u	wild	
steady	unable	wise	
still	unattractive	witty	
stingy	unavailable	witty	
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Strong and Precise Action Verbs

abandon	crouch	flash	hurtle	maul
abduct	cut	flatten	hypothesize	measure
abolish	dance	flaunt	ignore	meddle
abuse	dart	flay	illustrate	meet
accelerate	dash	flee	imitate	mimic
accuse	deck	flick	inch	mingle
achieve	descend	flinch	increase	mobilize
acquire	dig	fling	inform	mock
act	direct	flip	inject	model
adapt	discard	flit	injure	molest
add	display	float	insert	mourn
address	ditch	flog	inspect	move
adjust	dive	flounder	install	mumble
advance	divert	flout	instigate	murder
advise	do	flush	interview	muster
aim	dodge	fly	invade	mutilate
apprehend	drag	force	invent	nab
approach	drain	fumble	jab	nag
arrest	drape	gain	jam	nail
assault	dress	gallop	jar	nick
assemble	drill	gather	jeer	nip
attack	drink	gesture	jerk	observe
avert	drip	get	jimmy	obtain
bang	drop	give	jingle	occupy
bar	duel	gnaw	jolt	offer
beat	dunk	gossip	judge	operate
berate	ease	gouge	jump	order
blast	edge	grab	keel	organize
block	eject	grapple	kick	oversee
blow	elevate	grasp	kidnap	pack
brighten	enter	greet	kill	paddle
broke	erupt	grip	kneel	page
buck	escape	grow	knife	panic
built	evacuate	growl	lash	parachute
bump	evade	grunt	launch	parade
bury	exhale	guide	lead	paralyze
catch	explode	gyrate	lean	park
charge	expose	hack	leap	pass
choke	extract	hail	learn	pat
clap	fade	hammer	lecture	patrol
clash	fake	hang	left	pause
climb	fall	harass	level	paw
clip	falter	haul	lick	peel
clutch	fan	head	listen	peep
collapse	fast	help	log	penetrate
collect	feed	hesitate	lunge	perform
collide	feel	hide	lurch	photograph
command	fight	hit	maim	pick
construct	file	hitch	nick	picket
cram	find	hobble	mangle	pile
crash	finger	hoist	manipulate	pilot
crawl	fix	holdhover	march	pin
creep	flag	hug	mark	pinch
cripple	flap	hurl	massage	pirate
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pitch	relent	shake	spin	swing	vault
plan	repair	shape	splatter	swipe	vent
play	repel	sharpen	splice	switch	wade
plod	report	shave	split	tackle	walk
plow	resist	shear	spot	take	wander
plunge	respond	shell	spray	tap	watch
pocket	retaliate	shield	spread	target	wave
poke	retreat	shift	spring	taste	wedge
polish	retrieve	shiver	spurn	taunt	weed
pore	reveal	shoot	spy	teach	weigh
pose	review	shorten	squeak	tear	whack
pounce	ride	shout	stack	tease	whip
pout	ri[shove	stagger	telephone	whirl
pray	rise	shovel	stamp	terrorize	whistle
preen	risk	shun	stand	test	wield
present	rob	shu	start	thrash	wiggle
preside	rock	tsidestep	startle	thread	withdraw
primp	roll	sigh	steal	threaten	work
print	rub	signal	steer	throw	wreck
prod	run	sip	step	tickle	wrench
produce	rush	sit	stick	tie	wrestle
prompt	sail	site	stiffen	tilt	yank
proofread	salute	size	stifle		
		skin	stomp	tip	yell
propel	sap	skip	stop	toss touch	yelp yield
protect	save	skip	-		-
provide	saw		strangle	tout	zap
provoke	scale	slacken	strap	track	zip
pry	scamper	slam	strike	train	
pull	scan	slap	strip	transcribe	
pummel	scatter	slash	stroke	transfer	
pump	scavenge	slay	struck	transfer	
punch	scold	slide	stub	translate	
purchase	scoop	slug	study	trap	
pursue	scoot	smack	stuff	tread	
push	score	smear	stumble	treat	
question	scour	smell	stun	trip	
quit	scout	smuggle	subdue	trot	
race	scrape	snap	submerge	trounce	
raid	scrawl	snare	submit	try	
raise	scream	snarl	suck	tuck	
rally	screw	snatch	summon	tumble	
ram	scrub	snicker	supervise	turn	
ransack	scruff	sniff	supply	tutor	
rape	scuffle	snitch	support	twist	
rattle	scuttle	snub	surrender	type	
ravage	seal	snuff	survey	undo	
rave	search	snuggle	suspend	undress	
read	seize	soak	swagger	unfold	
record	select	sock	swallow	unite	
reduce	sell	soil	swap	untangle	
reel	sense	solve	sway	unwind	
refer	serve	spear	swear	usher	
relate	set	spell	swerve	vacate	
relax	sever	spike	swim	vanish	
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Transitional Words and Phrases

additionally	after	afterwards	also
always	as soon	before	earlier
eventually	finally	first	in addition
in conclusion	last	later	meanwhile
next	next week	not long after	now
preceding	prior to	second	soon
then	to conclude	tomorrow	until
when	while		

Chronological Order/Join Paragraphs

Spatial Order/Locators

above	adjacent to	among	behind
below	beyond	farther	in front
in the middle	lowest	nearby	nearest
next to	on the left	on the right	opposite
outside	there	under	underneath

Comparison/Similarities

also	as though	as well as	by comparison
compared to	eitheror	in addition to	in the same way
like	likewise	neithernor	outside
similarly	than		

Contrast

although	as opposed to	but	by contrast
conversely	despite	either	even though
however	if	in spite of	instead
neither	nevertheless	rather than	still

Cause and Effect

accordingly	as a consequence	as a result	because
because of	brought about	consequently	due to
for this reason	give rise to	ifthen	made possible
obviously	owing to	since	SO
therefore	this results in thus		

Additional Facts/Joining Paragraphs

additionally	again	also	and
another	besides	finally	first
further	furthermore	in addition	initially
last	next	summing up	to begin

<u>Repetition/Conclusion</u>

all this means	in brief	in other words	to close
to finish	to repeat	to summarize	

Specific Examples

a few of these are	especially	for example	in particular
notably	specifically		

<u>Emphasis</u>

absolutely	basically	certain	essentially
in fact	indeed	of course	positively
surely	unquestionably		

Degree

best	better	choice	equally
first	greatest	least significant	least important
mainly	more important	most important	most significant
prime	second	strongest	third
weakest			

Introductory

from my point of view	I (dis)agree with	I believe	I maintain that
I question whether	In my opinion	it is my belief	it seems to me that

Concluding Phrases

above	as I have noted	as one can see	for the reasons
in any case	in any event	in brief	in other words
in short	in summation	obviously	on the whole
to be sure	to sum up	undoubtedly	unquestionably
without a doubt			

Supporting Opinions

again	also	besides	equally important
finally	first	further furthermore	
in addition	in the first place	last	likewise
moreover	next	second	similarly
third			

Introducing Details

as evidence	for example	for instance	in fact
in support of this			

Countering

although you feel	argue	but	even though	
however	I doubt	I question	I realize you	
I understand you	it may be that you	let me explain	maintain	
nevertheless	on the contrary	on the other hand	some people believe	
state	yet	your idea deserves		
		some merit		

Comma Rules

1) Place a comma after each introductory word, phrase, or clause.

- Finally, he got in his car and drove away.
- Under the new government, every citizen over 21 is allowed to vote.
- Once the parking tickets have been paid, you'll get your license back.

2) Place a comma on each side of a <u>nonessential element (appositive)</u>.

• My brother, who is younger than I am by five years, likes to work puzzles.

3) Place a comma <u>before</u> the <u>coordinating conjunction</u> when you combine <u>two independent</u> <u>clauses</u> into a single <u>compound sentence</u>.

o Her mother holds a doctorate from MIT, and her father teaches at Purdue.

4) Place a comma <u>after</u> but not before a <u>dependent clause</u>.

- When the fire alarm sounded, the children paraded out of the school building.
- The children paraded out of the school building when the fire alarm sounded.

5) Place a comma between *items in a series*.

• When you come over tonight, bring your sleeping bag, your pillow, and a few bags of popcorn.

6) Use commas to set off a <u>direct address</u>.

• Dad, can you please lend me twenty bucks?

7) Place a comma between coordinate adjectives.

• His breath caught in his throat as he watched the tall, stately beauty cross the stage.

8) Place a comma <u>between the day and the year</u> and <u>after the year</u>, but <u>not between the</u> <u>month and the year</u> when you include a date in a sentence.

o December 31, 1980, was my 18th birthday, but I celebrated in January 1981.

9) Place a comma before and after the name of a state when you name a city and state in a sentence. If you include a full address in a sentence, place a comma between each part of the address except for the zip code. No commas should be placed either before or after the zip code.

- o Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, was born in Hannibal, Missouri, in 1835.
- Mail your payment to us at 416 North Main, Tyler, Texas 75670 before next Friday.

10) Use a comma to separate a direct quote from a signal phrase such as "he said" or "she replied."

• "I think you'd better put your hat back on," she said laughing.

11) Place a comma where a pause is required in order to avoid misreading.

- My mom says Christina has no sense of humor.
- OR
 - o My mom, says Christina, has no sense of humor





Generic Editing / Revision Checklist

1. My	Title has the First, Last and All Important Words Capitalized.
2. I s	tarted all sentences with CAPITAL LETTERS.
3. I pr	ut the correct end punctuation mark (. ! ?) at the end of all sentences.
4. I us	sed commas where needed.
5.	I wrote in paragraph form: I indented for each new paragraph. Each paragraph focuses on <u>one (1) idea</u> (topic, time, place, person, quotation)
6. I d	id not start a sentence with "And, So, But, Or," unless I had a reason. (I was careful with "Then" and "Because" !)
7.	I checked the first word of each sentence for repetition.
<u> </u>	ook out repeated words and or ideas ; I tried different words that meant the same thing. (I used a Dictionaries and/or Thesaurus to double-check!)
<u> </u>	I used spelling strategies. (I circled "suspect words" in rough draft; It takes 5 minutes) (Use a Dictionaries and/or Thesaurus to double-check!
10.	I used complete sentences with a subject and a predicate. I <u>checked each sentence</u> for run-ons and sentence fragments.
11.	My verbs agree with their subjects. ("He <u>likes</u> ice cream" instead of "He <u>like</u> ice cream".
Finishing	<u>Fouches:</u>
12.	I used sentences of different lengths. (Think: short, long, medium)
13.	I included compound sentences (two complete sentences joined with a <u>comma</u> and a conjunction). Some conjunctions are: and, but, or, so, nor, yet.
	Example: I woke up early, and I saw the rising sun.
14.	I used strong verbs and precise nouns
15.	I used adjectives and adverbs to describe people, places, things, and actions in detail.

6th-8th Grade Egregious Errors List

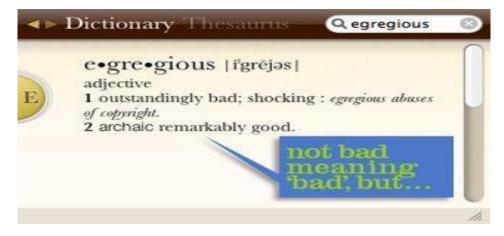
* If 2 or more of the following errors are made on graded assignments/papers, the assignment will be returned ungraded to the student to be rewritten correctly.

Top 10 Errors:

- 1. I is always capitalized (i)
- **2.** a lot is two words (alot)
- 3. they're/their/there and you're/your
- 4. its (possessive), it's (contraction)
- **5.** because is always written out ($\frac{\text{cause}}{\text{cause}}$, $\frac{\text{b/c}}{\text{c}}$)
- 6. good/bad/things/nice/stuff cannot be used in formal essays
- 7. numbers ten and under need to be spelled out (5, 7, 2, 8)
- 8. Capitalization of proper nouns and the beginning of all sentences
- 9. End punctuation is always used correctly
- **10.** No text language (u, cuz, wuz, 2,)l;

Other Common Errors to Look For:

- to/too/two
- who's/whose
- could have/should have (could of, should of)
- a/an
- then/than
- contractions should not be used in a formal essay



Ideas Presentation Organization 6 + 1 Conventions Writing Voice Traits Sentence Word Fluency Word

The 6+1 Traits of Good Writing

Ideas

The Ideas are the heart of the message, the content of the piece, the main theme, together with all the details that enrich and develop that theme. The ideas are strong when the message is clear, not garbled. The writer chooses details that are interesting, important, and informative–often the kinds of details the reader would not normally anticipate or predict. Successful writers do not tell readers things they already know; e.g., "It was a sunny day, and the sky was blue, the clouds were fluffy white" They notice what others overlook, seek out the extraordinary, the unusual, the bits and pieces of life that others might not see.

Organization

Organization is the internal structure of a piece of writing, the thread of central meaning, the pattern, so long as it fits the central idea. Organizational structure can be based on comparison-contrast, deductive logic, point-by-point analysis, development of a central theme, chronological history of an event, or any of a dozen other identifiable patterns. When the organization is strong, the piece begins meaningfully and creates in the writer a sense of anticipation that is, ultimately, systematically fulfilled. Events proceed logically; information is given to the reader in the right doses at the right times so that the reader never loses interest. Connections are strong, which is another way of saying that bridges from one idea to the next hold up. The piece closes with a sense of resolution, tying up loose ends, bringing things to closure, answering important questions while still leaving the reader something to think about.

Voice

The Voice is the writer coming through the words, the sense that a real person is speaking to us and cares about the message. It is the heart and soul of the writing, the magic, the wit, the feeling, the life and breath. When the writer is engaged personally with the topic, he/she imparts a personal tone and flavor to the piece that is unmistakably his/hers alone. And it is that individual something–different from the mark of all other writers–that we call voice.

Word Choice

Word Choice is the use of rich, colorful, precise language that communicates not just in a functional way, but in a way that moves and enlightens the reader. In good descriptive writing, strong word choice clarifies and expands ideas. In persuasive writing, careful word choice moves the reader to a new vision of things. Strong word choice is characterized not so much by an exceptional vocabulary that impresses the reader, but more by the skill to use everyday words well.

Sentence Fluency

Sentence Fluency is the rhythm and flow of the language, the sound of word patterns, the way in which the writing plays to the ear, not just to the eye. How does it sound when read aloud? That's the test. Fluent writing has cadence, power, rhythm, and movement. It is free of awkward word patterns that slow the reader's progress. Sentences vary in length and style, and are so well crafted that the writer moves through the piece with ease.

Conventions

Conventions are the mechanical correctness of the piece–spelling, grammar and usage, paragraphing (indenting at the appropriate spots), use of capitals, and punctuation. Writing that is strong in conventions has been proofread and edited with care. Handwriting and neatness are not part of this trait. Since this trait has so many pieces to it, it's almost a holistic trait within an analytic system. As you assess a piece for convention, ask yourself: "How much work would a copy editor need to do to prepare the piece for publication?" This will keep all of the elements in conventions equally in play. Conventions is the only trait where we make specific grade level accommodations.

Presentation

Presentation combines both visual and verbal elements. It is the way we "exhibit" our message on paper. Even if our ideas, words, and sentences are vivid, precise, and well-constructed, the piece will not be inviting to read unless the guidelines of presentation are present. Think about examples of text and presentation in your environment. Which signs and billboards attract your attention? Why do you reach for one CD over another? All great writers are aware of the necessity of presentation, particularly technical writers who must include graphs, maps, and visual instructions along with their text.





"PAARC- Evaluating your Sources"

When you search for information, you're going to find lots of it...but is it good information? You will have to determine that for yourself, and the PAARC Test can help. The PAARC Test is a list of questions to help you evaluate the information you find. Different criteria will be more or less important depending on your situation or need.

Purpose: The reason the information exists

- What is the purpose of the information?
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?
- Is the information fact, opinion or propaganda?
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?

Accuracy: The reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the content

- Where does the information come from?
- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Has the information been reviewed or referred?
- Can you verify any of the information in another source or from personal knowledge?
- Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion?
- Are there spelling, grammar or typographical errors?

<u>Authority</u>: The source of the information

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
- What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations?
- Is the author qualified to write on the topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address?
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author source? Examples: .com, .edu, .gov, .org, .net

<u>**R**elevance</u>: The importance of the information for your needs

- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Is the information at an appropriate level (i.e.: not too elementary or advanced for your needs?)
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining this is the one you will use?
- Would you be comfortable citing this source in your research paper?

Currency: The timeliness of the information

- When was the information published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Does your topic require current information, or will older sources work as well?
- Are the links functional?

Documentation



A: Plagiarism: "the act of using someone else's words, ideas, or work and pretending they are your own, without stating where they came from." (Longman Advanced American Dictionary, p.1096) Often Plagiarism is unintentional, therefore be very careful when using informational text in your written assignments! Plagiarism is a serious scholarly offense and should be avoided at all costs. Three or more "important" words copied consecutively will be considered plagiarism.

Example of Plagiarism: The Roman world was <u>generally peaceful and prosperous</u>. (copied text from History Alive without quotation marks.)

B: Citing: "Giving the exact words of something that has been written in order to support an opinion or prove an idea; to "quote" something." (<u>Longman Advanced American</u> <u>Dictionary</u> p.238)

1. When you choose to write a sentence word for word (in your notes or published pieces) you must:

a. Put quotation marks around the sentence

b. Include the author's last name or title of publishing along with the page

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