



Grade 7

Weiser Writing Curriculum

The Weiser School District recognizes the importance of writing as one of the original 3 R's of education: reading, writing, and arithmetic. It is our goal to teach students the concepts and skills necessary to become proficient writers in a variety of genres. The district's elementary and secondary language arts teachers have created a comprehensive writing curriculum to accomplish this goal. The heart and soul of the district writing initiative is Write on Weiser! (WOW!) a semi-annual writing event for students to demonstrate their understanding of good writing principles and then apply them to a prompt (question).

Expected Learning Outcomes in writing for students in grade: 7

1. Become more proficient writers in the following genres.
Narrative, Persuasive, Opinion, Descriptive, and Informative
2. Become proficient in using the *6 Traits + 1* in all of their writing.
6 Traits + 1 are: Ideas, Organization, Word Choice, Voice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions, and Presentation.
3. Successfully use all parts of speech which include: nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.
4. Know correct sentence structure and be able to correct sentence run-ons and fragments.
5. Learn the correct procedure for writing a research paper which includes taking notes, paraphrasing, writing, editing, and presentation of the paper.
6. Understand and apply components of the Writing Process to various types of writing genres.
7. Identify the various components of a story.
8. Learn the parts of and write a thank you letter.
9. Identify and use the different types of verbs and their tenses.
10. Demonstrate knowledge of prefixes and suffixes.
11. Understand poetry terms and figurative language.