

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: 8

1. Build upon and become more proficient writers in the following genres:
Narrative, Persuasive, Opinion, Descriptive, Compare/Contrast, 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 including nouns, verbs, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.
 4. Understand correct sentence structure and be able to revise sentence run-ons and fragments.
 5. Apply the correct procedures for writing a research paper including note-taking, paraphrasing, composing, editing, and presentation.
 6. Understand and apply components of the Writing Process to various types of writing genres.
 7. Identify the various components of a short story and novel.
 8. Appropriately format a letter.
 9. Identify and use the different types of verbs and their tenses.
 10. Demonstrate knowledge of prefixes/ suffixes and Greek and Latin derivatives.
 11. Understand poetry terms and figurative language.
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