

Writing for College Success provides an English curriculum focused on developing the mastery of skills identified as critical to postsecondary readiness in writing. This single semester elective aligns to Florida's Postsecondary Readiness Competencies in writing and targets students required to complete additional instruction based on their performance on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT). Course topics include grammar and usage; essential writing skills; persuasive, informative and narrative writing; and research.

Robust scaffolding in the form of process guides and graphic organizers helps reluctant writers internalize strategies and develop composition skills. Select activities target text-handling skills and promote improved performance on commonly assessed analysis and response standards. Study sheets support engagement with direct instruction and develop note-taking and study skills.

This course is built to the Florida Postsecondary Readiness Competencies.

Length: One Semester

Unit 1: Writing: Learning and Using New Words

- Introduction to Vocabulary Building
- Introduction to Context Clues and Word Skipping
- More Using Context
- Introduction to Word Roots
- Introduction to Prefixes
- Introduction to Suffixes
- Connotation
- Idioms and Other Figurative Language
- Using a Thesaurus
- Writing: Learning and Using New Words Wrap-Up

Unit 2: Language Arts Skills: Mechanics

- Introduction to Spelling Strategies
- Homophones and Homographs
- Grammar: Mechanics
- Punctuation
- Run-on Sentences and Capitalization
- Sentence Fragments
- Language Arts Skills: Mechanics Wrap-Up

Unit 3: Language Arts Skills: Grammar and Usage

- Grammar: Parts of Speech
- Grammar: Parts of Sentences
- Grammar: Verbs

- Grammar: Verb Tense
- Grammar Review
- Grammar: Pronouns
- Grammar: Unclear Pronouns
- Grammar: Adjectives and Adverbs
- Grammar: Modifiers
- Grammar: Clauses
- Grammar: Parallel Structure
- Language Arts Skills: Grammar and Usage Wrap-Up

Unit 4: Writing: Essentials

- Purpose and Audience
- Essay Essentials
- Style: Making Language More Exact
- Style: Concision and Precision
- Style: Parallelism in Sentence Style
- Style: Appropriate Language
- Style: Sentence Emphasis and Variety
- Style: Figurative Language
- Style: Denotative and Connotative Language
- Style: Tone, Formality, and Informality
- Writing: Essentials Wrap-Up

Unit 5: Writing: Narrative

- Get Excited about Writing!
- Who Are You Anyway? Developing a Character
- Who's on First? Establishing a Point of View
- Stable and Shifting Vantage Points
- Writing: Narrative Wrap-Up

Unit 6: Writing: Informative and Explanatory Text

- Composition: Example and Illustration Paragraphs
- Composition: Process and Cause-and-Effect Paragraphs
- Writing Practice
- Composition: Description and Classification/Division Paragraphs
- Writing Practice
- Composition: Writing About a Process
- Composition: Compare-and-Contrast Essays
- Writing Practice
- Writing: Informative and Explanatory Text Wrap-Up

Unit 7: Writing: Persuasive

- Composition: Persuasive Writing Essays
- Writing Practice
- Opinions and Speeches

- Writing: Persuasive Wrap-Up

Unit 8: Writing: Other Types

- Composition: Writing Essays about Literature
- Writing Practice
- Composition: Letters and Memos
- Writing Practice
- Biographies and Interviews
- Technical Writing
- Writing: Other Types Wrap-Up

Unit 9: Writing: Research

- Introduction: Research Essay
- The Research Process, Part I
- The Research Process, Part II
- Writing: Research Wrap-Up

Unit 10: Review and Exam

- Semester Exam
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