

ACSA Writing Curriculum

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Writing Class at a Glance

- Free writing (approximately 20%)
 - Grammar and mechanics (approximately 30%)
 - Structured writing projects in collaboration with the other classrooms (approximately 50%)
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Class and Individual Student Differentiation

Students will learn similar skills and complete similar projects at varying levels of difficulty between class A, B, and C. Grammar and skills assignments will be based on grade and ability levels of the students.

For example, all classes may be learning about punctuation, but class A might be learning about ending punctuation; class B about combining complex sentences with proper punctuation; and class C about less common punctuation such as ellipses and semicolons. Differentiation for student abilities within those class levels will also occur.

Writing Class Skills, Standards, and Projects

State standard:

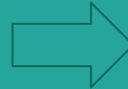
WS6.3:

Use narrative writing to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.



Student Objective to meet the standard:

Student will synthesize relevant details to produce nonfiction and fiction narrative writing



Specific content to meet the objective:

- Begin to synthesize information toward an original composition
- Move from paragraph writing to longer composition writing
- Create a topic sentence
- Create a thesis statement
- Identify the main parts of personal narrative
- Use relevant details
- Use appropriate paragraph structure and breaks
- Employ a variety of transitional words and phrases
- Revise writing
- Recognize and attempt effective leads



[Curriculum Map with State Standards Linked Here](#)

Project: Island Biography Personal Nonfiction Narrative

Conclusion

The goal of the ACSA writing classroom is to develop and refine writing and language skills while inspiring a passion for some form of writing in the hearts of students.

— “And what, you ask, does writing teach us? First and foremost, it reminds us that we are alive and that it is a gift and a privilege...” - Ray Bradbury