

ELA WRITING STANDARD



ELA Writing Standard 11: Vertical Alignment K-12

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Kindergarten	W.K.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.K.11.a Capitalize the first word in a sentence and the pronoun I. W.K.11.b Recognize and name end punctuation. W.K.11.c Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short vowel sounds. W.K.11.d Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of letter-sound relationships.
1 st Grade	W.1.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.1.11.a Capitalize dates and names of people. W.1.11.b Use end punctuation for sentences. W.1.11.c Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series. W.1.11.d Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns (e.g., floss rule) and for frequently occurring irregular words. W.1.11.e Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.
2 nd Grade	W.2.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.2.11.a Capitalize holidays, product names and geographic names. W.2.11.b Use commas in greetings and closings of letters. W.2.11.c Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives. W.2.11.d Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words, including compound words, the doubling rule, and e-drop rule. W.2.11.e Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.
3 rd Grade	W.3.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.3.11.a Capitalize appropriate words in titles. W.3.11.b Use commas in addresses. W.3.11.c Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue. W.3.11.d Form and use possessives. W.3.11.e Use conventional spelling for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness, shelves). W.3.11.f Use spelling patterns and generalizations when writing words. W.3.11.g Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.

4 th Grade	W.4.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.4.11.a Use correct capitalization. W.4.11.b Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text. W.4.11.c Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence. W.4.11.d Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
5 th Grade	W.5.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.5.11.a Use punctuation to separate items in a series. W.5.11.b Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence. W.5.11.c Use a comma to set off the words yes and no (e.g., Yes, thank you), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., It's true, isn't it?) and to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that you, Sam?) W.5.11.d Use underlining, quotation marks or italics to indicate titles of works. W.5.11.e Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting reference materials as needed.
6 th Grade	W.6.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.6.11.a Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements. W.6.11.b Spell correctly.
7 th Grade	W.7.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.7.11.a Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives. W.7.11.b Spell correctly.
8 th Grade	W.8.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.8.11.a Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break. W.8.11.b Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission. W.8.11.c Spell correctly.
9 th -10 th Grades	W.9-10.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.9-10.11.a Use a semicolon to link two or more closely related independent clauses. W.9-10.11.b Use a colon to introduce a list or quotation. W.9-10.11.c Spell correctly.
11 th -12 th Grades	W.11-12.11 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation and spelling when writing. W.11-12.11.a Observe hyphenation conventions. W.11-12.11.b Spell correctly.