

Appendix D Handwriting and Spelling 6-8

Handwriting: Middle grades: APPLICATION: Use of legible print or cursive handwriting is the student's choice for all informal writing assignments.

Middle school cursive handwriting will be extended beyond the Handwriting Without Tears format to allow students to develop their own personal style of cursive handwriting. Practice with cursive handwriting will continue to be incorporated into middle school ELA as follows:

- 6-8 grade journal writing in cursive regularly
- 6-8 grade will occasionally write drafts in cursive when the final format is typed
- 6th grade Do Now cursive handwriting assignments regularly
- 6th grade vocabulary answer sheet in cursive weekly
- 7-8 grade on demand writing piece in cursive monthly

Across grade levels and subject areas, students will be expected to use cursive handwriting for note taking, essay planning and drafting, essay revision, reading logs, reader responses, brainstorming activities, graphic organizers, outlines, journal writing, open ended question responses, classwork and worksheets.

Students in grades 6-8 are required to use MLA format for typewritten assignments. All published pieces will be typed using MLA: typed, double spaced, size 12, Arial/Times New Roman, proper heading, title, and formal works cited page as appropriate.

Spelling: Spelling is reinforced through applied writing and vocabulary development.