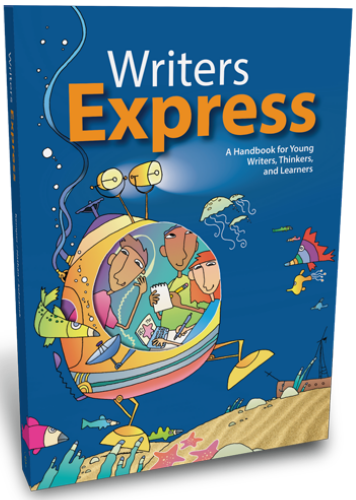
5/6 Intermediate Writing 2026.27



Instructor: Cathy Strange
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Supply fee: $30 (Due May 5, 2026)
Extended Sessions: None
Prerequisites: Intermediate level students as evaluated via writing prompt assessment. Knowledge of writing concepts is helpful.
Minimum class size: 8

Monthly Tuition - $50 / month
(9 equal payments August - April)
Total Yearly Tuition - $450

Course Description
This 1.25-hour course will offer students a chance to develop higher-level writing skills and become more creative and thorough thinkers. Through this course, students will gain a more comprehensive approach to the writing process, create quality paragraphs, understand writing terms and techniques, and improve overall writing organization. Additional concepts will be introduced such as compare and contrast essays, formal letter writing, expand grammar skills, and note-taking.

This course is meant to be for students who have previous writing skills taught at the beginner level and provides a variety of new skills for students as they prepare to move on to the next level of advanced writing. It is extremely helpful to have previous writing instruction since this class moves at a faster pace than what the introductory writing classes offer.

Text and Supplies
Writers Express Handbook **ISBN:** 978-1-941660-08-9
[Purchase through Thoughtful Learning by July]

Supplies
- 3-ring binder with notebook paper, dividers, and a three-hole punch to help with organization of materials
- Pencils, highlighters, and Dry Erase markers

Course Expectations
***In-Class Requirements*-** It is essential that students come to class well-prepared. Students are expected to bring their homework, actively participate in class discussions, and prepare for some in-class reviews to assess their comprehension of terms and processes. Students will be taking notes during class – in order to complete their writing assignments at home during the week. We will review previous topics in class together, and we will cover each new topic thoroughly before the students write or test the material.

At-Home Requirements- Since we will only have one class day each week, it is imperative that study time also take place at home with parental involvement regularly until students are strongly grasping concepts. Homework will be posted weekly on FACTS and Google Classroom. It is the student's responsibility to keep up

with assignments and communications from the instructor via Google Classroom and come to class prepared. Students will write, review, and complete a variety of assignments weekly. Homework assignments will be graded and returned to the students within a week. It is the student's job to review teacher notes and corrected homework assignments to gain clarity on topics when additional rework is required. Students must review their books and notes taken during class to fully grasp the material but likely will need parental interaction for any new concepts covered.

Assessments

Students will have weekly homework assignments to ensure retention and application of what they have learned in class. Written and verbal feedback will be given on a regular basis. There will be occasional assessments which the students will take in class to keep the parent and student informed of progress. No grades will not be posted on FACTS, however points are tallied each week to determine how well the student is prepared for class and understanding concepts being taught.

Summer Assignments

No summer assignments will be given for this class.

Teacher Responsibility

The instructor will provide weekly in-class instruction on each new concept and process to increase the student's skills. Assignments will be posted weekly on FACTS and Google Classroom and graded and posted in a timely manner (usually within one week).

Student Responsibility

It is the student's responsibility to keep up with assignments in Google Classroom, come to class prepared, participate in class discussions, ask questions, and seek help if needed. See in-class and at-home expectations listed above.

Parent Responsibility

Parents are responsible for overseeing assignments at home and being sure that their student understands the material as the course progresses. Parents are expected to check class notes, posted and printed information, as well as communication on FACTS and Google Classroom weekly. Parents should review graded assignments and inquire about any issues listed. Because writing is extremely involved and often requires a second pair of eyes, it is vital that you follow along with the assignments to be sure your student is properly grasping the material. This may include helping your students type their papers, review homework to ensure it is completed thoroughly, and assist with time management until your student can fully manage on their own. If you notice your student is struggling, parents need to contact the instructor immediately.