



CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT WRITING PROGRAM

Growing Greatness Through Writing

Why Writing Matters

Writing is an essential tool for learning, critical thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication. Strong writing skills help students deepen their understanding, express ideas clearly, support claims with evidence, and prepare for success in college, careers, and everyday life.

Clark County Public Schools (CCPS) is committed to developing confident, capable writers across all grade levels and content areas. Writing is a shared responsibility that extends beyond English/language arts and provides students with meaningful opportunities to learn, demonstrate understanding, and communicate with authentic audiences.

This commitment aligns with the **Portrait of a Clark County Learner**, particularly the competency of **Effective Communicator**, which emphasizes conveying authentic messages, building connections, and considering diverse perspectives. Through writing, students also develop leadership, resilience, reflection, innovation, citizenship, and collaboration skills essential to becoming life-ready learners.

In accordance with **KRS 158.6453, House Bill 257 (2026)**, the Kentucky Academic Standards, and applicable Kentucky Department of Education guidance, CCPS will implement a comprehensive districtwide writing program that establishes consistent expectations, prioritizes high-quality instructional resources, and supports the growth of every student as a writer.

- KRS 158.6453
- House Bill 257 (2026)

Through intentional writing instruction across the curriculum, CCPS will grow effective communicators who are prepared to lead, learn, and succeed.



Our Goals for Student Writing

CCPS students will:

- Communicate ideas clearly for different purposes and audiences.
- Use writing to learn, explain their thinking, and show understanding.
- Support ideas with details, information, and evidence.
- Strengthen writing through practice, feedback, and revision.
- Grow as writers across all grade levels and subject areas.

What Families Can Expect

Writing in Every Subject

Students will write regularly in English/language arts, math, science, social studies, and other subjects. Writing may include explaining answers, sharing opinions, telling stories, conducting research, and solving real-world problems.

Consistent, High-Quality Instruction

Teachers will use district-adopted instructional resources aligned with Kentucky standards to guide writing instruction and help students build skills from year to year.

Writing That Grows With Students

As students advance through school, they will develop stronger skills in organizing ideas, writing complete sentences and paragraphs, using evidence, and creating clear, well-developed pieces of writing.

Support for Every Learner

CCPS will provide additional instruction and practice for students who need support, as well as enrichment opportunities for students ready for greater challenges. Teachers will monitor progress and use feedback to help every student continue growing.

Writing for Real Purposes

Students will write to learn new information, demonstrate what they know, and share their work with meaningful audiences. They will learn to communicate effectively in ways that prepare them for future learning, careers, and life.



High-Quality Instructional Resources

CCPS is committed to using district-adopted, high-quality instructional resources to support consistent, standards-aligned literacy and writing instruction.

- **Grades 1–5:** Magnetic Literacy
- **Grades 6–12:** ThinkCERCA

In the early grades, writing instruction will build foundational skills such as letter formation, handwriting, phonics, spelling, and sentence development. As students progress, they will strengthen their writing skills through regular practice, connecting writing to reading, learning, and building knowledge across all subject areas.

Our Commitment

At CCPS, writing is a shared responsibility and an essential part of helping students become life ready. By providing meaningful writing opportunities, strong instruction, and support for every learner, we will grow effective communicators who are ready to lead, learn, innovate, and succeed.

Growing Greatness Through Writing—Building Effective Communicators for the future and beyond.