

Occupational Therapy Department

Classroom Strategies

Performance Concern: Poor spacing in written work.

General Information: Omitting spaces between words, inconsistent spacing, and too much space between letters in one word are common handwriting errors. Such errors can make handwriting difficult to read.

Instructional Recommendations:

- Model and demonstrate correct spacing, and slowly the student will carry over such skills to everyday writing.
- Make sure your students have a good understanding of what a space is and its importance.

Additional Classroom Activities or Strategies to Support the Development of the Skill:

- Utilize spacing ‘reminders’ placed after each word, for example: finger on non-dominant hand, popsicle stick, a pencil, or bingo chip.
- Graph paper (for other Adapted paper, consult school OT).
- Underline places for the students to write each word of a given sentence.
- Enable student to be aware of spacing. (i.e. have student correct a poorly spaced sentence or paragraph).

Consult your school occupational therapist when additional support or interventions are needed.