

**Course Title:** Grade 4 Writing

**Board Approval Date:** June 2011

**Course Description:**

The Lewisburg Area School District fourth grade maximizes student learning by providing writing instruction aligned with the Pennsylvania State Standards. Our writing program correlates closely to those of the 6 +1 traits writing framework which includes Idea Development, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions and Presentation. Students are exposed to various genres through the use of authentic literature. In fourth grade, we teach fictional story writing as well as narrative and informational styles of writing and poetry.

**Learning Activities / Methods of Assessment:**

Large group instruction  
Checklists/Teacher observation  
Small group work  
Writing in Response  
Monthly Writing Prompts  
Research Papers  
Fictional Story Contest  
Peer Conferencing

**Instructional Resources:**

*Being a Writer Grade 4 Developmental Studies Center, Copyright 2007*  
*McGraw Hill Language Arts, Macmillan/McGraw Hill, Copyright 2001*  
Additional Appropriate Internet Resources  
Four Square Organizational Method by Judith Gould  
LASD Reading List

## Course Pacing Guide

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Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction (Days/Periods)
1. Establishing a Writing Community (Idea Development, Writing Process)	7 Weeks
2. Narrative Writing	5 Weeks
3. Expository Non Fiction	6 Weeks
4. Fictional Story Writing	7 Weeks
5. Poetry	5 Weeks
6. Functional Writing	4 Weeks