

Cursive Writing Executive Summary

SB 2273 requires that beginning the 18-19 school year, instruction in cursive writing will be provided in both reading and writing. By the end of Grade 5, students will create readable documents with legible cursive handwriting and will pass with proficiency a teacher-constructed test.

To address this mandate, schools requested materials for teaching cursive writing. Zaner-Bloser handwriting materials have been purchased for all fifth grade schools. Each school has designated at least 15 minutes per day to the instruction of handwriting. Cursive writing assessments will be given in April or May according to each school's spring assessment calendar.

Research has proven that children with more advanced fine motor skills are higher achieving in both reading and math. By bringing the "lost art" of cursive writing back to our students, we should reap benefits in higher academic achievement and more well-rounded students.