

# Veterans Park Elementary School HANDWRITING POLICY

## CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

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Teachers will model appropriate letter formation and expectations using schoolwide verbal pathways for letter formation. Teachers should hold all students accountable for quality work and ask students to revise as needed.

1. **Kindergarten and 1st grade** - teachers will provide explicit instruction for handwriting using school wide verbal pathways for letter formation.
2. **2nd grade** - teachers will review manuscript according to students' needs continue using school wide verbal pathways for letter formation, introduce cursive letters in isolation during last grading period with schoolwide verbal pathway.
3. **3rd grade** - teachers will teach cursive including joining letters to form words and sentences using school wide verbal pathway.
4. **4th grade**- cursive taught and reinforced through class work.
5. **5th grade** - cursive taught and reinforced through class; Teacher writes on board and on student papers in cursive.