**Shamokin Area School District Handwriting Expectations**

The goals for handwriting instruction are for students to:

* write letters legibly and efficiently, so that writing becomes fluent and automatic
* develop a sense of pride in their writing

**Specific Grade-Level Expectations**

**K-2 Grades** : **Using Wonders Handwriting-on line resources**

Beginning with the second semester, second grade will be responsible for teaching the formation of all capital and lowercase cursive letters along with making connections to form words.

All K-2 teachers will use Wonders Handwriting- on line resources

* A description of strokes to help teach the cursive letters, using consistent language
* Worksheets which may be used for teaching and practice

**Third grade: Using Wonders Handwriting-on line resources**

Third grade will be responsible for continuing practice of cursive letters and words. They will also have direct instructions lessons students forming sentences, stressing correct spacing between words. Students will be expected to use cursive writing for spelling, writing their name, and sentence practice. Other writing will be at the discretion of the teacher and/or students.

All third grade teachers will receive:

* A description of cursive strokes, using consistent language
* Worksheets which may be used for practice

**Fourth through Sixth grade:**

In Fourth through Sixth grade, students will be expected to use cursive writing for spelling and writing their name on their classwork. Other writing assignments will be at the discretion of the teacher and/or students.

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