

Is Handwriting Important?

You bet it is! When students struggle with handwriting, it filters into all of their academics. Even in this age of technology, handwriting remains the primary tool of communication and knowledge assessment in the classroom. Most standardized tests have handwritten portions. The unfortunate reality is that sometimes kids don't have the ability to express what they really know because of poor handwriting. School subjects are much easier to learn when handwriting is an automatic process because students need to think and write at the same time.

Does Your Child Write Letters and/or Numbers Backward?

One of the most common handwriting struggles young children have is letter and number reversal. Reversals show the child is having problems writing from left to right, one of the main skills for natural, automatic writing.

Is Your Child Able to Stay in the Lines When Writing?

Placing letters and numbers on a line makes writing easier to read. It is important for the flow of writing. Uncontrolled placement makes printing appear immature, messy or even illegible.

Do Sentences Look Like One Long Word?

Often letters in a word have so much space between them they no longer make sense. Spacing between letters in words, and between words in sentences is important to the legibility and uniformity of writing. Children need to give written responses on worksheets and tests. Students with fluent handwriting produce quality handwritten assignments often resulting in higher grades.

Does Your Child Hold His/Her Pencil Funny?

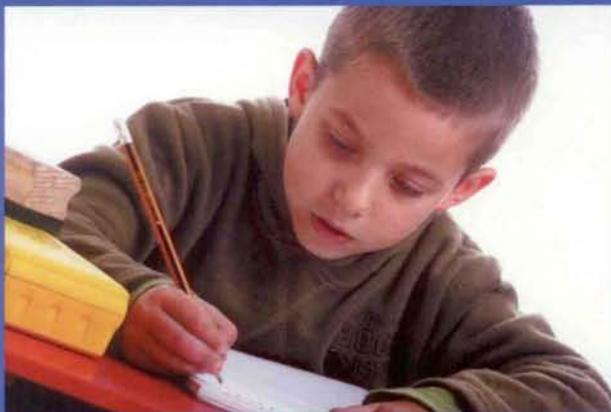
Pencil grip is the foundation of good handwriting. Handwriting should be a comfortable and automatic skill for every student.

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What is Handwriting Without Tears®?

The Handwriting Without Tears® printing and cursive programs draw from years of innovation and research to provide developmentally appropriate, multisensory tools and strategies for students. Research shows that children learn more effectively by actively doing, with materials that address all styles of learning. Handwriting Without Tears®, with its dynamic curriculum design, teaching strategies and compelling lessons makes legible and fluent handwriting a skill that students can easily master.

What Does Speech Plus Do?

At *Speech Plus* we know how to help! We assess where your child is today and design a specific plan to help improve handwriting. We use games, music and movement - when kids are having fun they learn more.

Why Speech Plus?

Speech Plus is the only area clinic that specializes in communication and learning while providing a fun, nurturing learning environment for your child. We provide a full range of services for children with speech, language and learning needs.

How Do I Get Started?

Call *Speech Plus* to schedule an assessment of your child's writing by our Handwriting Without Tears® Level 1 Certified Handwriting Specialist.

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