

## Scope and Sequence for Elementary School D'Nealian Handwriting

Basic Goals	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
Holding writing utensil accurately	Introduce/Focus	Focus/Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
Forming letters and numerals in print/manuscript	Introduce	Focus	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
Forming letters in cursive			Introduce/Focus	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain
Types of Paper	Blank and lined handwriting paper	Graduated lined handwriting paper	Small lined handwriting paper Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper by the end of the year	Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper	Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper	Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
Notes  For all grades, it is recommended that a note be sent home on curriculum night about the teaching of handwriting. One piece of advice should be that students should not practice a handwriting strategy unless first taught in class.	Use "Alpha-People" to reinforce lettering.  Students are expected to be able to print their first name and last name initial legibly.	Need to teach the association of sounds and the form of letters (1-2 days per letter).  Need to teach handwriting with the McCracken order of spelling.  Needs to be done daily.  Students are expected to be able to print legibly all the D'Nealian letters (both upper case and lower case) and numerals correctly.	Recommended to start cursive sometime after mid-January and complete all upper and lower case letters by the end of the year.  Students are expected to be able to print legibly all the D'Nealian letters (both upper case and lower case) and numerals correctly.  Students are also expected to have practiced D'Nealian cursive (both upper case and lower case).	Need to review/reteach both print and cursive.  Students are expected to be able to write in cursive on at least some of their writing during this grade level. While students need practice in cursive throughout this school year, students should have the choice of printing, writing cursive, or typing on major assignments.	Review/reteach both print and cursive as needed.  Students are expected to be able to write in cursive on at least some of their writing during this grade level. While students need practice in cursive throughout this school year, students should have the choice of printing, writing cursive, or typing on major assignments.	Review/reteach both print and cursive as needed.  Students are expected to be able to write in cursive on <u>most</u> of their writing during this grade level. While students need practice in cursive throughout this school year, students should have the choice of printing, writing cursive, or typing on <u>some</u> assignments.



Teachers should expose students at grades 3-5 to cursive writing on the chalkboard. However, teachers need to be conscious of students who may be unable to read cursive writing