

Zaner-Bloser Handwriting

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EDITION - First

Grade Level **Sixth Grade**
Readability Level **on grade level**
Course / Content **Handwriting**
List Price: **13.32**
Wholesale Price **9.99**

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Content Grades K-8: Zaner-Bloser Handwriting uses an easy, step-by-step approach to teach handwriting, so that students develop a solid foundation skill that encourages and supports all of their writing, reading, and assessment efforts.

Student Experiences Grades K-8: Systematic program builds automaticity in the reproduction of the alphabet, so students are free to focus on meaning and expression as they write.

Assessment Grades K-8: Self-evaluation in every lesson. Learner verification and procedures available upon request.

Organization Grades K-8: Keys to Legibility: shape, size, spacing, and slant are presented with an easy, step-by-step process for teaching and learning good handwriting. Students learn, practice and apply strokes to form letters throughout the program.

Resource Materials **See Available Ancillary Materials**

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions **Yes - Grades K-8: The following will be provided at no charge when a classroom set of 20 pupil editions is purchased the first year of implementation: Teacher Edition, Practice Masters, Poster Package, Zaner-Bloser Fontware, Transparencies, Alphabet Wall Strips, Manuscript/Cursive Letter Card Set**

Available Ancillary Materials **PRICES FOR THESE ITEMS CHANGE ANNUALLY, PLEASE CONSULT THE MOST CURRENT CATALOG. Teacher Edition, Practice Masters, Poster Package, Transparencies, Alphabet Wall Strips, Manuscript/Cursive Letter Card Set, Fine Motor Development Kit, Write-on, Wipe-off Practice Boards, Writing Fame, Touch and Trace Letter Cards, Desk Strips, Wipe-off Practice Cards, Write-on, Wipe-off Magnetic/Dry Erase Board and Letters, Fun with Handwriting, Post Office Kit, Home Handwriting Pack, Read, Write, and Color Alphabet Mat, Escritura Spanish Blackline Masters, Evaluation Guides, variety of paper products, Writing Journals, Handwriting Tools, Line Scriber, Correspondence Course, Calligraphy.**

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available **YES - provide information below**
The Left-Handed Child in a Right-Handed World
An article by Clinton Hackney, Ed. D., Language Arts Consultant and author of Zaner-Bloser Handwriting.

Six Questions Educators Should Ask Before Choosing a Handwriting Program
 A summary of new research by P. J. Farris, S. Graham, and D. Kuhl and P. Dewitz.
 Includes a review of important earlier research by W. B. Barbe and W.R. Johnson, G.
 Hildreth, and M.A. Tinker.
 Learning to Write the Manuscript Alphabet Supports Reading Development
 How Legible Handwriting Enhances the Writing Process and Assessment
 Handwriting Research & Resources: A Guide to Curriculum Planning by Zaner-Bloser

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

Disclaimer: Comments on the Strengths: and/or Weaknesses: of each book, material or program were written by members of the State Textbook/Instructional Materials Review Team and reflect their opinions. They do not reflect the opinions of the State Textbook Commission nor the Kentucky Department of Education. In addition, the State Textbook/Instructional Materials Review Team completed each evaluation form during summer of 2005. In order to maintain the integrity of the review team's comments, editing was limited to spelling and punctuation.

Recommendations: This book does what it says it does--teaches basic handwriting skills. Writing assignments are included in later lessons, but these are not applicable to Kentucky writing standards.

Summary Form

- I. Technology Component Summary
- II. Reading Content Summary
- III. Writing Content Summary 0.5
 Strengths:: cursive practice
 Weakness: nothing toward Kentucky standards
- IV. Grammar and Spelling Content Summary
- V. Journalism / Media Content Summary
- VI. Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary
- VII. Inquiry Content Summary
- VIII. Technology Content Summary
- IX. Audience: Teacher and Student Materials Content Summary 1.5
 Strength: easy-to-read; room to practice cursive
 Weaknesses: only addresses handwriting practice
- X. Format Content Summary 1.75
 Strengths:: good layout
 Weaknesses: consummable workbook
- XI. Ancillary Materials Content Summary 1.67
 Strengths:: left handed instruction included
 Weaknesses: not many accommodations suggested

FORMAT

Workbooks

ANCILLARY MATERIALS

Left-handers are not left out