

## 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

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Recommendations: This program was evaluated at the fifth grade level and recommended for a handwriting program. The program includes student handbook, practice masters, transparencies, and teacher's edition. Posters, alphabet strips for the wall, individual alphabet strips, and a conversion CD are also included and are free with an order of 20 student handbooks. The student handbook includes practices beyond the traditional repetition of letter writing which includes poems, passages, and sentences connected to other content areas. These practices also include student evaluations. Transparencies include story starters for different types of genres. The conversion CD allows students or teachers to take typed text and convert to standard manuscript form including lines or cursive. The CD also allows you to create blank writing grids.

**Summary Form**

I.	Technology Component Summary		Tech Presentation Avg. Rating 1
II.	Reading Content Summary		
III.	Writing Content Summary		1.3300000000000001
	Strengths Does allow for some writing prompts in different genres.		
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		1
IX.	Audience: Teacher and Student Materials Content Summary		1.3300000000000001
X.	Format Content Summary		1.71
XI.	Ancillary Materials Content Summary		1
	Strengths: Includes a teacher's edition, alphabet strips, and individual alphabet strips.		

**TECHNOLOGY CONTENT**

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CD ALLOWS STUDENT OR TEACHER TYPED TEXT BE CONVERTED TO MANUSCRIPT OR CURSIVE.