

[District Name] Public Schools
Written Expression Worksheet

(To document that a student has received appropriate instruction and intervention in written expression)

This checklist must be completed for all elementary, middle, and high school students who have been referred to special education due to a suspected learning disability that affects written expression. This information should generally be gathered prior to a referral to special education as part of early intervention (i.e., alternative procedures required to be implemented in regular education under CT Special Education Regulations §10-76d-7). *(All boxes must be checked with appropriate documentation provided.)*

1. Core General Education Written Expression Instruction (Tier I)

- Student has participated in daily general education written expression instruction using scientific research-based practices provided to the entire class by the general education teacher.

Description of Instruction Provided: General education instruction should involve a comprehensive, district-wide writing curriculum that addresses state standards and all important areas of writing (e.g., through explicit teaching of basic writing skills, planning and organizational strategies, and writing knowledge; use of a writing process, with strategies for editing and revision; opportunities for practice; appropriate use of technology in writing; reading-writing connections):

2. Small Group/Differentiated Instruction by General Education Teacher (Tier I)

- Student has participated in small group, differentiated written expression instruction by the classroom teacher as part of Tier I general education instruction (i.e., for all students). Materials appropriate to the student’s instructional level have been used for a minimum of four days per week.

Description –How Core Curriculum was Differentiated to Meet Individual Student Needs in Small Group Setting:

3. Progress Monitoring Assessments (Tier I)

- Continuous progress monitoring has been provided to establish a basis for instructional decisions and to document a student’s response to instruction.

Description/Source of Evidence of Progress Monitoring: **Results attached**

Assessment (e.g., curriculum based measurement, curriculum-based assessments, diagnostic assessments)	Skills/Competencies Targeted (e.g., basic writing skills, planning, text generation/content development, revision)	Dates

4. Supplemental scientific research-based interventions (Tier II – targeted interventions; Tier III - more targeted and intensive interventions)

- Interventions have been implemented based on specific student needs in important areas of writing, such as basic writing skills, text generation, or revision/editing processes.
- Appropriately qualified and trained staff have provided the interventions, which have been implemented with fidelity (i.e., delivered in the manner in which they were designed and intended to be used). Documentation indicating frequency, duration and type of intervention is either listed on this form or attached.

a. If basic writing skills have been identified as an area of weakness:

- Student’s basic writing skills (e.g., handwriting/keyboarding, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, sentence structure) have been evaluated and targeted interventions have been provided in specific areas of need.
- Student has been provided with appropriate access to and teaching about the use of technology in writing to improve basic writing skills (e.g., use of spell-checkers).
- Student has been taught strategies for reviewing and editing written work to improve basic writing skills.
- Student has been provided with regular opportunities to practice basic writing skills.
- Teacher** has systematically collected progress monitoring data, using valid and reliable measures, to determine the student’s response to the interventions provided.

b. If text generation (i.e., content aspects of writing that involve translating ideas into language) has been identified as an area of weakness, beyond what can be accounted for by identified weaknesses in basic writing skills:

- Student’s vocabulary and other oral language skills have been evaluated and if warranted, targeted interventions have been provided, with application to writing.
- Student’s ability to plan and organize writing have been evaluated and if warranted, targeted interventions have been provided (e.g., additional, more explicit teaching of strategies for brainstorming or researching ideas).
- Student’s knowledge about writing (e.g., writing for an intended audience, use of formal vs. informal language in writing, schemas for different writing tasks such as reports vs. narratives) has been evaluated and if warranted, targeted interventions have been provided.
- Student has been provided with appropriate access to and teaching about the use of technology in writing to improve text generation (e.g., use of online thesaurus to improve word choice/avoid repetition of the same word).
- Student has been taught strategies for reviewing and revising written work to improve content/text generation.
- Student has been provided with regular opportunities to practice text generation.
- Teacher** has systematically collected progress monitoring data, using valid and reliable measures, to determine the student’s response to the interventions provided.

5. Lack of sufficient progress to meet age or State-approved grade-level standards (Tiers II/III)

- The student has not made sufficient progress in the supplemental intervention(s) implemented above despite attempts to improve, individualize, and intensify the intervention.

Source of Evidence: Attach teacher support and/or intervention team information (including data in numeric and graphic formats) **AND** complete chart below

Scientific research-based interventions used as supplemental and/or intensive interventions. These interventions are in addition to what is provided for all students (i.e., Tier I)	Student’s response to interventions Baseline plus at least four additional progress monitoring measurements for each intervention (CBM or other appropriate measure)	Dates of intervention implementation

NOTE: Please see 2010 *Guidelines for Identifying Children with Learning Disabilities* for more information regarding instructions on completing the worksheet.

(Teacher signature)

(Date)

(Signature of person(s) responsible for item #5)

(Date)