

## Writing Expectations – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

<p><b>Length of Writing</b></p>	<p>Write 3 – 5 paragraph composition with correct paragraph breaks in response to a prompt with 200 – 300 words</p>
<p><b>Modes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Personal and fictional narrative</li> <li>▫ Expository: informational reports, how-to directions, and response to text</li> <li>▫ Persuasive</li> </ul>
<p><b>Features/Skills</b></p>	<p><b><u>Ideas and Content:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Focus on a central idea, identify the audience and purpose, and choose the form that best fits this purpose             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Write at least three paragraphs with topic sentences</li> <li>✓ Inviting introduction paragraph</li> <li>✓ Concluding paragraph that summarizes the points</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Organization:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Use a variety of strategies to plan and organize writing (i.e. lists, brainstorming, mapping, outlining, graphic organizers)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Indent paragraphs correctly or skips lines</li> <li>✓ Revise by combining and moving paragraphs and sentences to improve focus and progression</li> <li>✓ Details support main idea of each paragraph</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Conventions:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Capitalize proper nouns, beginning of sentences, and titles</li> <li>▫ Correctly use verbs, possessives</li> <li>▫ Punctuate quotations, end marks, apostrophes</li> <li>▫ Spell designated sight words correctly and learned spelling patterns</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Sentence Fluency</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Use simple sentences and compound sentences</li> <li>▫ Use a variety of sentence structures, lengths, and beginnings</li> <li>▫ Prepositions and conjunctions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Instructional Time</b></p>	<p>Explicit instruction – 30 to 45 minutes daily</p> <p><b><u>Note(s):</u></b> Writing should occur daily and can be integrated into all other content areas</p>