

## **510 - Cursive Writing Procedures**

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At George Washington Academy, we believe being able to both read and write in cursive coincides in E. D. Hirsch's belief that all Americans should possess certain common knowledge and skills in order to be a functioning member of society. We feel cursive reading and writing are examples of such skills. For this reason, our teachers will write in cursive, requiring students to read cursive.

The expectation of all GWA students, beginning in January of their 3rd grade year, is to complete all assignments in cursive. This expectation is continued through the 5th grade. Upon admission to Middle School, students in grades 6-8 will be given the choice to select the method of handwriting they will use. Students will make this choice based on which style is most legible and will most easily convey their understanding of the subject at hand. Teachers in grades 3-8 will write in cursive, and although middle school students may choose their writing form, they are expected to be able to read cursive writing.