



TOPIC:	Handwriting in Elementary School
QUERY:	Thank you to those who responding to this survey about teaching print and cursive in Elementary Schools. The results are most interesting.
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TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES:	26
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Responses:

See below.

At which grade levels do you teach print handwriting?	If taught, approximately how much time per week is spent on print handwriting?	At which grade levels do you teach cursive handwriting?	If taught, approximately how much time per week is spent on cursive handwriting?	At which grade levels do you teach keyboarding?	If taught, approximately how much time is spent on keyboarding?
K	We use HWT and it is integrated into writing	Grade 3	We use HWT and handwriting is integrated.	Grade 2	It is developmental and students spend from 10- 120 minutes a week in G2- G5 and it is integrated as part of their writing.
K, Grade 1, Grade 2	10/15 min day	Grade 3	10 min day one semester only	Grade 4	Varies
K, Grade 1	2 times 20 minutes	Grade 4	2 times 20 minutes but we use Handwriting without Tears that also indirectly brings in spelling and grammar	Grade 4	This is assigned as homework using Keyboarding without Tears
K, Grade 1	15-20 minutes			Grade 4	5-10 minutes/week



K, Grade 1, Grade 2	as part of the regular writing process rather than a separate lesson	Grade 3	We teach in G3 and 4 but cannot add two options above. About an hour a week in G3 spread out over the week- 10 mins per day	Grade 2	It is taught from G2 but cannot add this option to G2, G3, G4 and G5. In G2 and G3 for about 15 mins in class and follow up for home learning
K, Grade 1	Varies				
K, Grade 1	The Spanish teacher includes hanwriting in her lessons as one mini-lesson. Spanish Language Arts meets 3 times a week for 75 minutes. Every time there are centers, one is a handwriting one.	Grade 3	Just one center a week	Grade 1	Once a week, about 20 minutes.
K, Grade 1, Grade 2	depends, we do not dedicate curriculum time to this	Grade 4	same as above	Grade 4	not explicitly taught, but we want to!
K, Grade 1	about 10 min a day 3-5 x a week. we teach in both english and spanish. Students would get about 70 min combined.	Grade 2	40 min per week (about 10 min a day 4x a week)	Grade 3	30 min in school (2 sessions 15) and min 15 min out of school (we use Typing Agent).
Grade 1	It is not taught explicitly as an entire class. Practice sheets are a part of morning seat work	Grade 3	Again, It is not taught explicitly as an entire class. Practice sheets are a part of morning seat work. Also, this is not a school-wide coordinated decision. I do not believe all teachers spend time on it.	Grade 2	This is taught and practiced during ICT classes which are once every six days. Not every class is spent on keyboarding - students also learn many other tech skills.



K	30 minutes +-	Grade 1	45 min +-	Grade 2	Not a set time, but we are developing an IT scope and sequence so that will be included. At the moment it's a bit hit or miss.
Grade 4	4 hrs	Grade 1	8	Grade 3	2
K	1.5 hours	Grade 2	one hour	Grade 3	one hour
K, Grade 1	1 period explicit		none	Grade 4	once a week
K, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3	It varies, but approximately 20 min.	Grade 4	It varies, but approximately 20 min.		We do not formally teach keyboarding
K	We have it as one station in K and 1. Use it daily in K and less as kids gets older. Students who need help with handwriting will get it in their rotation. We also have laminated sheets with letter formation that go home twice a week as HW (Kinder) and as needed for the other grades	Grade 3	Not a big emphasis, but kids like it. We do it 10 minutes during homeroom time 2x a week	Grade 2	we introduce typing in Kinder (finding keys), but use typing practice starting grade 2 (10 min every 4 days)
K, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4	Every day 15 mins	Grade 2	15 mins permday	Grade 3	Not sure - often given as a homework task
Grade 1, Grade 2		Grade 3		Grade 4	
K	50/60 minutes	Grade 3			
K	10 minutes 3X per week				



K, Grade 1, Grade 2	Depends on the child and teacher. Our handwriting expectations are more about developing needed muscle tone, and forming letters from top to bottom in one continuous stroke. WE have not adopted a particular handwriting style or program.	Grade 3	Very little, more of an introduction and awareness	Grade 2	We teach keyboarding from grade 2 on. Students mostly do keyboarding on-line for homework about 15 minutes a few times a week.
K, Grade 1, Grade 2	depends on the grade level - in KG it is taught in the course of the day; in the older grades it is briefly taught and then practice assigned for outside of class time depending on what each student needs.	Grade 4	It is mostly assigned as out of class work depending on what each student needs to work on (or not if they are already competent.)	Grade 1	(I could only check one box but we begin in grade 1.) It is mostly done 'in class' on 1:1 devices - I would guess 10 - 15 min a day.
K, Grade 1, Grade 2	2-3 times	Grade 3	2-3 (the above question is grade 3 and grade 4 as only one answer was allowed)	Grade 4	approx. 15-20 minutes per week for instruction; a variation of timings spent on practice (the above question is grades 2-4, as only one answer was allowed)
K, Grade 1	variable	Grade 4	variable (I was only able to choose 1 answer)	Grade 4	variable (I was only able to choose 1 answer)
Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4	5 hours weekly	Grade 4	2 hours weekly	Grade 3	one and half hours weekly
K, Grade 1, Grade 2	50-60 minutes	n/a	This year we are not teaching cursive.	Grade 4	50 - 60 minutes per week