

SAIL Writing Frameworks

**By the end of grade 8, SAIL students should be able to:*

- Apply and practice standard conventional grammar, usage, and structure to evaluate their own and others writing.
- Write a well developed multi-paragraph essay for a variety of academic purposes, including mastery of the standard writing practices.
- Analyze fiction and non-fiction and respond in an extended paragraph (which is answered in and organized through the topic sentence, and includes title, author, demonstrates directly quoted examples to support the analysis, explanation connecting the example to the answer and a concluding sentence that restates the paragraph's ideas.)
- Master and independently apply the steps of the writing process (i.e. prewriting, drafting, revising/editing and publishing).
- Analyze, defend, and evaluate various points of view
- Research applying the following skills:
 - Independently choose and refine a topic of focus
 - Independently gather information via multiple media sources
 - Cite and document information from various sources (MLA and APA styles) in a full works cited page
 - Present information in an advanced and creative manner through a variety of products geared in accordance with learning style, interest and ability

* The SAIL writing expectations are intended to address content across the curriculum; e.g., science, social studies, etc.