



WriteBrain from Sunburst Technology. Aligns with IDEA Requirements.

WriteBrain teaches writing at every stage of the writing process. *WriteBrain* is researched based.

Research

Research demonstrates a need to improve students' writing performance at each level of academic life. (Persky, Daane, & Jin, 2003). Therefore, teachers must explicitly teach strategies identified as 'best practices' for planning, organizing, revising and editing. In this process of teaching and learning, word processing and specific software have been identified as supporting students in the application of these 'best practices', through engaging them and by making revision and editing easier (MacArthur, Graham, & Schwartz, 1991)..

Accessibility, Differentiated Instruction, Reports, and Collaboration

IDEA Requirements

Accessibility:

Student can easily access instruction with accommodations for learning styles, disabilities, and skill development/pacing needs.

Differentiated Instruction:

Information is available for preparing an IEP (Individual Education Plan) with instructional alternatives and data reports that can be shared with the IEP team and parents.

Reports:

Progress reports will be available with the same frequency and in the same detail as those for non-disabled students.

Collaboration:

Communication tools are available that can be shared between the classroom and special education teacher.

WriteBrain Features

WriteBrain is a web-based software program allowing for easy access with a simple password. After entering the program, a student's own work is immediately available and the lesson is personalized and self-paced based on ability. *WriteBrain* provides both print and audio support for each lesson, and lessons can be customized to accommodate individual needs. All lessons are presented in graphic organizer format allowing students to easily understand and apply best practice strategies to the lesson.

WriteBrain is a powerful, flexible program, designed to facilitate the task of addressing each student's learning needs by providing a range of research-based tools and instructional strategies for improving writing performance. Within the program, teachers are able to take into account the different academic and interest levels of students, as well as different learning styles and cultural backgrounds. *WriteBrain* facilitates differentiated instruction by letting teachers modify lessons to meet the needs of each student, groups of students, or a class. Based on a student's level of ability, tools such as the spell checker and thesaurus can be turned on or off. Also, assessment rubrics and checklists can be customized to meet specific individual or group needs. Included in the teacher management area are provisions for assessment, record keeping, and for lesson planning and development. *WriteBrain* is an online program that can be used at any location allowing students, parents, teachers, and administrators to easily view the assessment tools, assessment results, and writing projects. The language arts data provided by the program will support the development of individual education plans (IEPs).

WriteBrain is designed to support students at all academic levels in the process of learning to write. The program allows students to progress at their own pace with assessment checklists and rubrics appropriate for their ability level. Lessons provided in the *WriteBrain* program are correlated to the language arts standards for all 50 states assuring that all students, at their own level, have an opportunity to meet state standards. *WriteBrain* supports teachers in their roles as assessors and as facilitators taking into consideration students' different writing profiles and academic levels.

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