



Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest

Manuscript Entry Form

- Grade K Grade 1
 Grade 2

For information purposes only. Please print neatly or use editable field to populate teacher info prior to distributing to students. Submit only one entry per grade.

Teacher's First and Last Name _____ Telephone _____

School Name _____ Public Private (check one)

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact E-mail _____

Student's Full Name (written by student)

Copy the sentence below in your best handwriting.

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

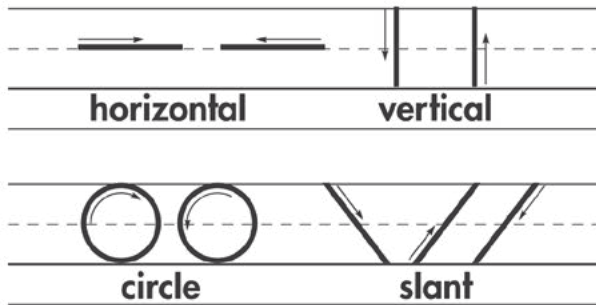
Please tell us what you like best about handwriting.

Keys to Legibility Manuscript

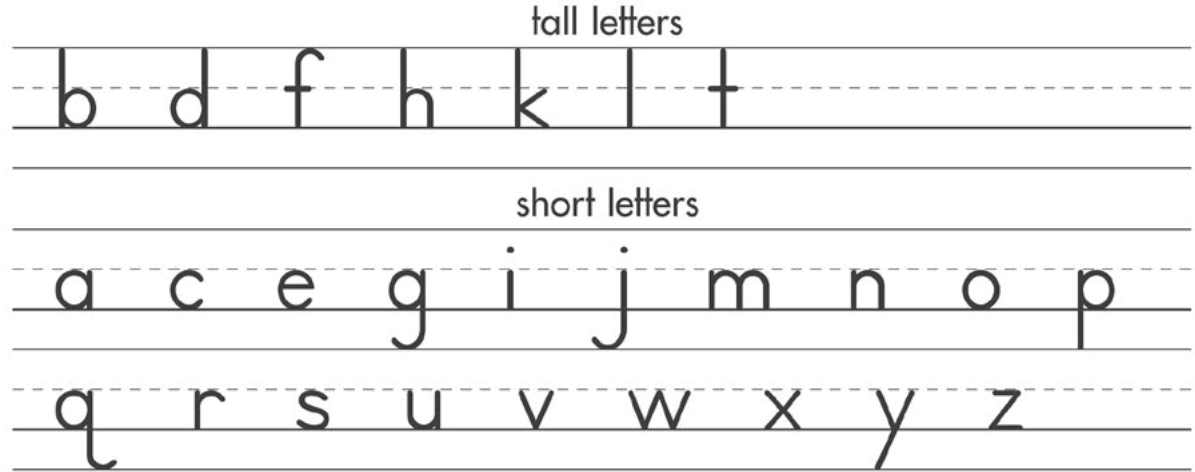
Attention students: All entries will be judged according to the Keys to Legibility—Shape, Size, Spacing, and Slant.



Manuscript letters are based on four kinds of lines. The shape of the letters is determined by these lines.

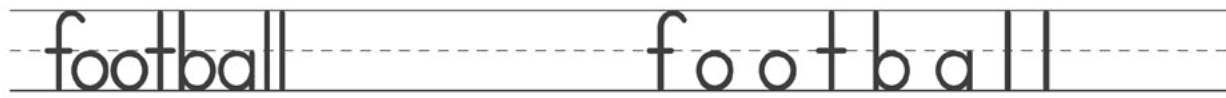


The size is correct when all letters of the same size are even in height and rest on the baseline.



Letters should not be too close.

Letters should not be too far apart.



There should be a one-finger space between words. Allow enough space for two fingers between sentences.



All manuscript letters are vertical in relation to the writing lines. Good vertical quality is achieved by **positioning the paper correctly, pulling the downstrokes in the proper direction, and shifting the paper as the writing line fills.**

Paper Position

left hand

right hand

