

## TEACHER TOOLKIT FOR THE WRITING PROCESS

Writing Skill	Barriers	Solutions	
		No Tech Strategy	Tech-Related Strategy
Prewriting: Brainstorm ideas, decide on topic, gather research	Lack of background knowledge	Read a text on topic	<p><a href="http://www.watchknowlearn.org">www.watchknowlearn.org</a> Use this website to search for free videos across topics.</p> <p><a href="http://www.pinterest.com">www.pinterest.com</a> Pinterest is a great tool where students can find and organize information before they write.</p>
	Difficulty with organizing information	Paper graphic organizer paired with strategy	<a href="http://www.popplet.com">www.popplet.com</a> Use this app/website to organize information and enhance with graphics.
Drafting: Students write down their ideas and organize them around a structure such as a paragraph	Difficulty managing all the cognitive factors involved in writing	Dictate the first draft to a peer	<p>Dragon Dictate This app allows students to dictate their first draft into a phone, tablet, or computer.</p>
			<p>Siri The speech-to-text features built into Mac products are highly effective and can be used across a variety of devices.</p>
Revising: Students review content and work to make it better: focus on content rather than mechanics	Difficulty with identifying content that needs revision	Checklist with steps for revision	<p>Livescribe pen—record and reread writing piece Write your text using a Livescribe pen. It has recording abilities so you will be able to either have the computer read what you have written using the Livescribe software or record in your own voice what you have written using the Livescribe pen.</p>
			<p>Text-to-Speech Software— <a href="http://Naturalreaders.com">Naturalreaders.com</a> Listen to piece that was written to identify content or style that may need revising.</p>

Editing: Focus is on grammar, punctuation, and spelling.	Frequent errors in spelling and punctuation	Checklist with steps for editing	Speech-to-Text Software Use software to check spelling and punctuation, then correct in final version.
			Word Processing Programs (Microsoft Word ) Use spell checker within software program.
Publishing: Allow students to finalize and share their work	Unmotivated to finish	Authentic audience, such as their parents, peers, or a younger class of students	Kidblog Edublog Create a different space to share student-published work.
			VoiceThread An alternative to typical writing. Allow students to speak their piece around graphics or create shared writing pieces.