Focus Topic: Forms & Production

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Objective(s)	Alignment	Essential Questions	Understandings	Suggested Assessments
TSW maintain legible manuscript writing with proper proportion and spacing	WLP.8.2	What role does handwriting play in communication?	Technology impacts our lives.	Ongoing observation & questioning during class discussions
TSW maintain legible cursive (or hybrid manuscript-cursive) writing with proper spacing and consistent slant	WLP.8.3	What is the importance of accuracy in electronic type?	The use of technology and digital tools requires knowledge.	Performance tasks
TSW maintain accuracy in typed documents	WLP.8.4			Self-Assessment
TSW type on nonstandard keyboards (e.g., tablet touchscreen keyboards) with accuracy	WLP.8.4.a			Real Life Connections
TSW demonstrate an understanding of spacing choices in electronic text	WLP.8.5			NJ TAP IN Checklist
TSW identify appropriate spacing between text and tables and within table cells for visual appeal	WLP.8.5.a			
TSW access and use the page layout menu to adjust margins in different document sections	WLP.8.5.b			
TSW choose final text sizes appropriate for the task and audience	WLP.8.5.c			

Focus Topic: Fluency

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Objective(s)	Alignment	Essential Questions	Understandings	Suggested Assessments
TSW write by hand with speed and fluency appropriate for grade 8	WLP.8.6	What is the importance of accuracy in handwriting and electronic type?	Resource selection affects the development of a product	Ongoing observation & questioning during class discussions
TSW write copied text at a rate of at least 100 letters per minute using cursive or manuscript-cursive hybrid	WLP.8.6.a			Performance tasks
TSW use pen/pencil lifts as needed for comfort, speed, and legibility	WLP.8.6.b			Self-Assessment
TSW create accurate typed text with speed appropriate for grade 8	WLP.8.7			NJ TAP IN Checklist
TSW type at least 30 words per minute from copy, looking almost exclusively at the screen or copy	WLP.8.7.a			

Focus Topic: Writing Application and Word Processing

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Objective(s)	Alignment	Essential Questions	Understandings	Suggested Assessments
TSW know and apply grade-level handwriting skills	WLP.8.8	How can learning keyboarding and touch typing skills benefit me in the future?	There is academic importance to using the touch keyboard method.	Ongoing observation & questioning during class discussions
TSW choose handwriting or keyboarding as appropriate for the task and audience	WLP.8.8.a	What is the importance of accuracy in keyboarding?		Performance tasks
TSW know and apply grade-level keyboarding skills	WLP.8.9	What is the relationship between keyboarding and manipulating text and data?		Self-Assessment
TSW type words and sentences without looking at keyboard	WLP.8.9.a			Real Life Connections
TSW achieve 90% accuracy in typed documents	WLP.8.9.b			NJ TAP IN Checklist
TSW access function keys as needed in software applications	WLP.8.9.c			
TSW type at least seven pages in a single setting	WLP.8.9.d			

Grade 8: Handwriting & Keyboarding Curriculum (2012 Handwriting in the 21st Century- An Educational Summit)

Objective(s)	Alignment	Essential Questions	Understandings	Suggested Assessments
TSW demonstrate knowledge of advanced word processing skills to produce written text	WLP.8.10			
TSW create and use a personal Style sheet	WLP.8.10.a			
TSW understand and apply section breaks to create document parts with different layouts	WLP.8.10.b			
TSW create a document with multiple columns	WLP.8.10.c			
TSW create a basic Table of Contents using automated tools	WLP.8.10.d			
TSW understand the use of automated references and bibliographies	WLP.810.e			
TSW format tables in a text manually and understand how the Style menu applies to tables	WLP.8.10.f			
TSW create a basic chart/graph using the tools provided by the word processing program	WLP.8.10.g			