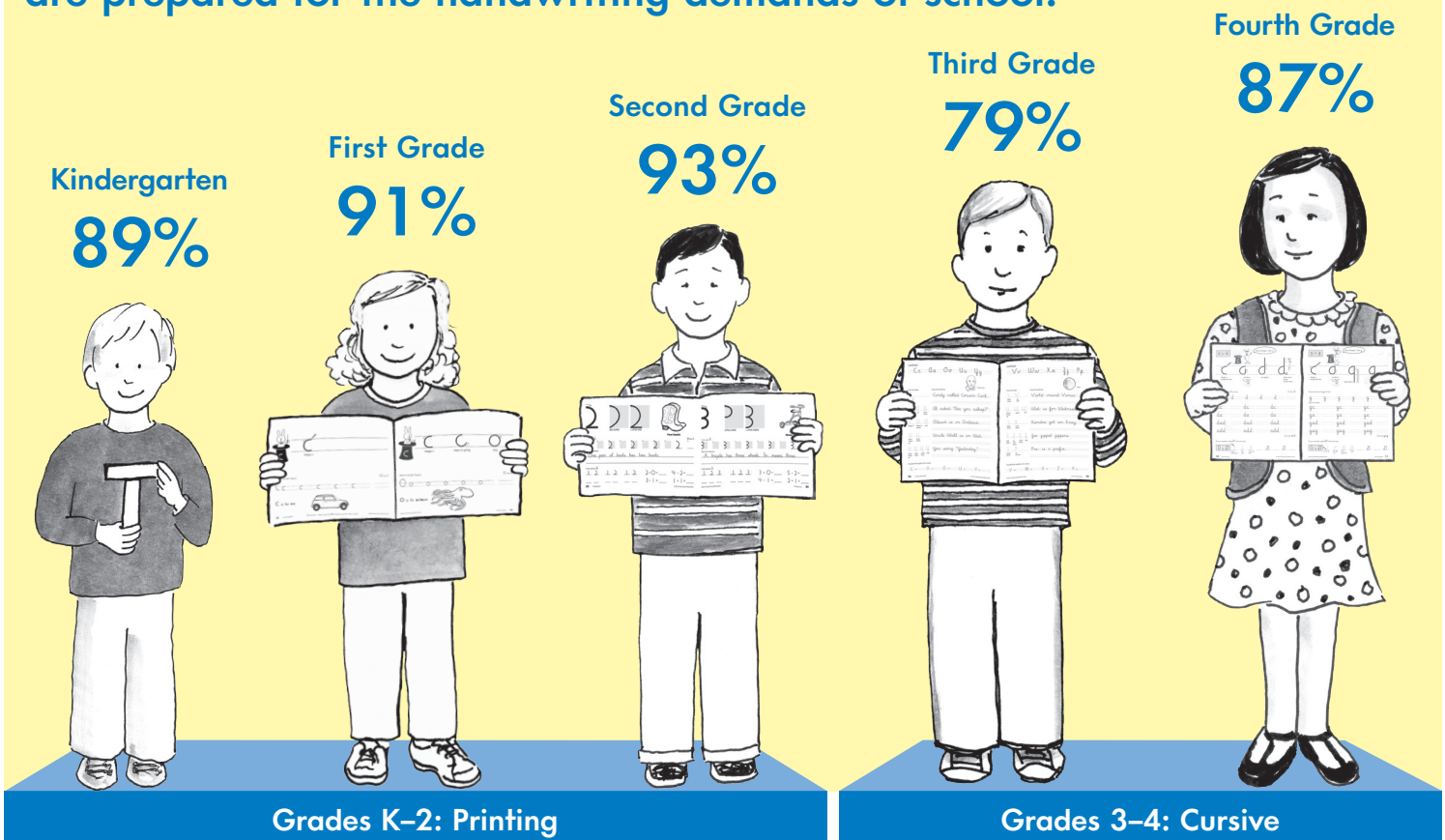


Handwriting Without Tears® Delivers Success

Handwriting is a critical skill. It builds a solid foundation for school success. Research shows that handwriting is a foundational skill that can influence student's reading, writing, language use, and critical thinking. It has an important role in brain development, is necessary alongside technology in the classroom, and promotes success in other academic subjects.

Handwriting Without Tears works and is a proven success preparing children for the demands of school. We analyzed test scores from the [Screener of Handwriting Proficiency](#) for more than 14,000 students using [Handwriting Without Tears](#) over three years. Results demonstrate the success of the curriculum.

High end-of-year test scores show students using Handwriting Without Tears are prepared for the handwriting demands of school.



Students who used Handwriting Without Tears made significant improvement in test scores across all skills measured in the Screener.

In **kindergarten**, students learn to print letters and build good habits. Students in kindergarten saw **27% improvement** from beginning to end of year.

First grade is the year to review and refine printing skills. Students in first grade saw **20% improvement** from beginning to end of year.

In **second grade**, students master printing. Students in second grade saw **9% improvement** from beginning to end of year.

Third grade is the year to learn cursive and build good habits. Students in third grade saw **25% improvement** from beginning to end of year.

In **fourth grade**, students master cursive. Students in fourth grade saw **38% improvement** from beginning to end of year.

As handwriting expectations increase from K–5, high test scores reflect success in grade-level skills for students using Handwriting Without Tears.

Printing

Kindergarten



First Grade



Second Grade



Cursive

*Third Grade



Fourth Grade



All numbers reflect end-of-year testing scores.
*Third grade scores reflects first year of cursive handwriting.



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The Hands-On Curriculum for Student Success

About the Screener of Handwriting Proficiency

The Screener of Handwriting Proficiency is a universal, easy-to-administer, whole-class assessment that helps educators identify and measure specific areas where students need printing or cursive instruction and intervention throughout the year. Educators test up to 3x at the beginning, middle, and end of the year. The Screener works with all handwriting curricula and with any type of instruction. Use it independently or as part of a Response to Intervention (RTI) model.

About Handwriting Without Tears

The Handwriting Without Tears curriculum draws from years of innovation and research to provide developmentally appropriate, multisensory tools and strategies for your classroom. Millions of students all over the world use Handwriting Without Tears. Our easy-to-teach, easy-to-learn curriculum makes handwriting mastery joyful for students and their teachers.

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