



## Handwriting Without Tears®

Handwriting Without Tears® (HWT) is a therapeutic curriculum that teaches pre-printing, printing, and cursive writing to children of all abilities. Kids can move from one program to the next as skills grow. HWT uses child-friendly language, child development concepts and fun teaching techniques. All HWT techniques are developmentally based, which means that a child builds upon the skills he has mastered. It is a multi-sensory approach that incorporates posture, strength, grasp, coordination, perception and writing.

One **C&FD Educational Specialist** is certified in HWT for school-aged children.

### Objectives

**Uppercase Printing Program (Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten):** For students who need to learn or brush up on uppercase letter writing. The HWT curriculum approaches letter formation with easy vocabulary and in a developmentally appropriate progression. Activities will include letter formation, letter identification, gross motor skills, pencil grasp, fine motor skills, trunk strengthening, and writing on paper.

**Lowercase Printing Program (Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> grade):** Focused on lowercase letter writing. Lowercase letters follow uppercase letters in the developmental progression. Activities will include letter formation, letter identification, pencil grasp, fine motor skills, trunk strengthening and correct use of handwriting paper.

**Cursive Program (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade):** This program focuses on a format for “connected writing” and a simple style that makes the transition from printing to cursive easy for all children. The cursive program builds on skills already learned for print writing. Activities will include cursive letter formation, cursive letter identification, pencil grasp, fine motor skills, trunk strengthening, and correct use of handwriting paper.

**Can-Do Cursive (5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade):** For young adolescents who are more comfortable with cursive writing but need further development in sentence development, parts of speech, and word meaning. The program continues to build on the same skills learned through the print and cursive program.

### Scheduling

We offer individual and group HWT sessions. Individual sessions are offered at 30 minutes per week at a rate of \$37.50 per session. Group sessions will be offered periodically throughout the year based on need.

### Materials

HWT materials are required and are available on their website ([www.hwtears.com](http://www.hwtears.com)). The educator will inform each family as to what product is needed for their child.

### Contact

Call the Pineville office to schedule an Intake with Marie or connect with her for more information:

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