"You've Got Mail"
The Write-ing Assignment

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Blue Ribbon Commission

▷ 7. Change the current approach to writing assessment

▷ To elevate the importance of writing throughout the curriculum, the current 4th, 7th, and 10th grade writing assessments need to be replaced with a k-12 writing assessment system that includes authentic and on demand writing assignments, appropriate to each grade level and backmapped from the graduation project. The DPI is to provide rubrics, aligned with the writing rubric used for the graduation project, for LEA's to use in assessing these K-12 writing assignments. Writing samples will be housed and scored locally, and DPI staff will conduct random audits to ensure compliance with on-going writing assessments. The DPI is to provide training and professional development to educators to ensure fidelity to the writing assessment process at each grade level.
Framework for Change: The Next Generation of Assessments and Accountability

▷ www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/revisions/2008/pdfs/gcs2rev.pdf

How to Implement?

- Entire state participate in pilot program for 2008-09 school year

- 18 counties to participate in online pilot

- These counties use the moodle for storage, uploading, and retrieval of student work.

- Stanly County School participated in the online pilot

- Each School District will sets up the testing timeline

Let's Moodle

▷ NCRegistration used as the registration tool for both teachers and students

▷ Teachers are entered individually while students were bulk filled through NCRegistration

▷ Teachers use Moodle to complete Writing Across the Curriculum and Assessing Writing Skills in the 21st Century

▷ Teachers use Moodle to enter scores for students

Login to Moodle

Writing Assessment System

English (en)

Main Menu

Site news

Status Reports

PD Certification
On-Demand Assignment Score
Completion

My courses

Instructional Writing Across the Curriculum

This course was developed to enhance writing instruction and to enable teachers to support student writing within content areas. It is a self-paced course created for teachers who will be implementing the North Carolina Writing Assessment System.

Assessing Writing Skills in the 21st Century

This professional development course for the writing assessment system is designed to instruct all grade K-12 teachers regardless of content area; however, the 2008-2009 pilot will focus on educators who teach fourth and seventh grade students. The online course is comprised of self-paced modules to prepare teachers for evaluating and scoring student responses.

Oakboro Elementary Writing Grade 4

This is the online course where teachers enter scores for content-specific and on-demand writing assignments.

Oakboro Elementary Writing Grade 7

This is the online course where students submit completed content-specific and on-demand writing assignments and teachers enter scores.

This site is designed for professional development for teachers and to collect and score student writing, portfolios, and performance based work.

Calendar

◀ February 2009 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

New NC Writing Standards

▷ Students are no longer tested just once in 4th, 7th and 10th grades

▷ Students in 4th and 7th are assessed 4 times a year

▷ Two are content based writings and two are on demand writings

Student Moodle

- Students are given unique user names and passwords

- We did not allow them to keep them

- Students log into Moodle and upload Content writing

- Students log into Moodle and actually do the On-Demand writing

Content Writings

▷ Prompt can be controlled locally

▷ Various prompts can be used per school

▷ Students planned, wrote, typed

▷ Teachers gave feedback

▷ Students edited and then uploaded final assessment

On Demand Writing

▷ Students are given 95 minutes to plan, type, and complete the assessment

▷ Each student has timer on their computer that shows the amount of time left for them

▷ If student logs off, time does not stop

▷ They can move to another computer

▷ After 95 minutes, the computer automatically times out

What did we find with Students ?

▷ Students using instant message language when typing an assignment

▷ Punctuation and organization of content needed improvement

▷ Planning and elaboration were also areas of concern

▷ Collaborating the content ares (Language Arts ⟶ Science)

▷ Editing Skills

Grading Process

Oakboro Elementary Writing Grade 7 : Grades

Jump to...

Choose an action ...

Grader report | My report preferences

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Oakboro Elementary Writing ...

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BARBEE		3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
BARNWELL		3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
BRITT		3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
CASSELLS		1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
CLARK		1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
DAVIS		3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
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FISHER		1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
Gordon		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAVES		3	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
N GRIFFIN		3	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
HARTMANN		3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-
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Benefits of Moodle Submission

- Assessing 4 times a year give the teachers an idea of where to go with the writing

- Do not make this extra, make it part of your regular class

- Caused more communication between not just 7th grade team but entire school about writing

- Students enjoyed typing on the computer much better than writing at their desks

- Students will be more serious as we go forward

- Finally have an understanding of the process

How can E-mail help?

- Students love getting to email

- Structure the emails just like structuring a paper

- Students can save emails and edit them later

- Students will work on assignments at home

- Students learn skills to help with computer test

Setting up Rules

- Use full sentences

- Avoid full caps

- Slow down

- Have a beginning and an end

- Reread your email before you send it

- Follow friendly letter format

- Use proper capitalization, usage, punctuation, and spelling

Ideas for E-mailing

- Book reviews - write an email to a friend and suggest a book

- Send writing prompts through email

- Assign writing buddies - partners can send drafts to each other

- Use discussion boards as an opportunity to practice writing skills

E-mail suggestions

- Ask an expert - www.allexperts.com - teach different types of writing

- Write an autobiography - have students introduce themselves through email

- Write a biography - students draft, edit, revise and then share their biography with their email buddy

- Use ePals to connect to other classrooms - teach netiquette

More E-mail tips

- Email political representatives

- Story writing and/or progressive stories - students share stories or poems others can add to story

- Email for college information

- Email an author

Benefits of E-mail

- Increases self esteem of students

- Encourages and motivates students to become involved in authentic writing for a real audience

- Increases critical thinking because students become collaborators in the creation of knowledge

- It makes learning relevant

- Students are more interested in email and message boards

Setup School Guideline

▷ Come up with a set of school guidelines for using Email with students based on your District's Acceptable Use Policy

▷ Make sure to include:

  ▷ Teachers

  ▷ Principal

  ▷ District Director

  ▷ Students

Decide on Email Software

- www.gaggle.net

- www.google.com/a/edu

- www.pikluk.com

- Your school system (our district uses Sharpschool)

Create an Account for Your School

▷ Gaggle is the tool that we have chosen for this session.

Gaggle.Net - **Free** Filtered E-mail for Schools and **Students** ⬆️❌
Gaggle is a safe web based **email** solution for schools and **students**. ... Are you using the **free** version of Gaggle? Consider upgrading to the subscription ...

▷ Login to www.gaggle.net

▷ Once you have setup your new account for your school...gaggle will contact YOU within 48 hours

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Betsy Norris
Online Classes Coordinator
Bedford County Schools, TN

Announcing Gaggle's Curriculum Contest

I Student & Teacher Login

User Name:

Password:

Login

Forget your **password**?

I Gaggle Blogs

Click **here** to view Gaggle Blogs.

I New User Key

Did your teacher give you a '**new user key**'? If so, click **here** to activate your account.

I E-rate Funding

Gaggle.Net is eligible for **E-rate funding**.

I Upgrade

Are you using the free version of **Gaggle**? Consider **upgrading** to the **subscription version** for as little as **$3.00 per account**.

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Setting Up Your Students and Teachers

▷ Login to Gaggle.net

| Student & Teacher Login

User Name: [   ]

Password: [   ]

[Login]

Forget your **password**?

Welcome New User

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Welcome to access level 84, School Master for Gaggle.Net accounts.

By clicking the Accept button below you hereby agree to abide by the Terms of Service for Gaggle.Net, Inc. and your organization's Acceptable Use Policy.

Note that no e-mail accounts on the Gaggle system are private. E-mail is subject to review by Gaggle personnel and your school, district or organization.

[Accept] [Decline]

Gaggle Terms of Service

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Change Password

Your password has expired and must be changed.

Please enter a new password below, confirm your password, then select "Save" to update your account.

Password	••••••••
Confirm	••••••••
Outside Email	susie_austin@scs.k12.nc.u

Optional - You may enter an outside email address to use for password retrieval. If you're a teacher, enter your district or personal address. If you are a student, you may enter your parent's email address or your personal email address if you have one.
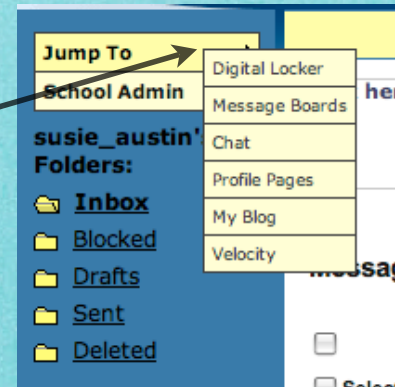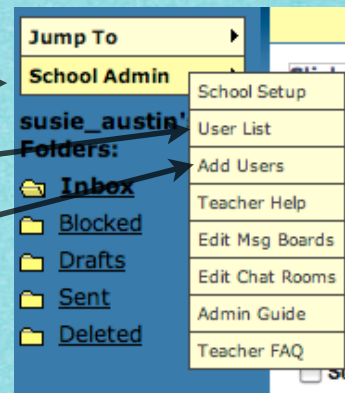
[Save] [Cancel]

Student/Teacher Setup

▷ Look at School Setup

▷ View Users

▷ Add Users

▷ Your Individual Setting

Adding Your Users

Save up to 90% on Gaggle through E-rate!

Add New User for: Oakboro Elementary

There are three ways to add users to a group. The first is by manually entering users in this form.

Field	Description
User Name	- Choose a screen name for the account.
Full Name	- Enter the first and last name of the user.
Password	- Choose a password for the user. The user can change it later.
Retype Password	- Reenter the password.
Outside E-mail	" If you forget your password it will be mailed to this outside e-mail address.
Access Level — Default	- Student access is recommended.*
Administrator — –	- Choose an administrator for the user. This determines which teacher controls the student's account. For non-student accounts leave this item blank.
Student/Staff ID	
Graduation Year — –	
Force Password Change ☐	
Msg Board Access Level — Default	
Chat Room Access — Default	
Digital Locker Access Level — Default	
Max Messages Per Day — Default	
Max Recipients per Email — Default	
Directory Access — Default	
Language Translation — Default	

[Add]

▸ Add Users

Jump To ▶	Click
School Admin	

susie_austin'
Folders:

📁 Inbox
📁 Blocked
📁 Drafts
📁 Sent
📁 Deleted

School Setup
User List
Add Users
Teacher Help
Edit Msg Boards
Edit Chat Rooms
Admin Guide
Teacher FAQ

Adding Users...Cont.

Import Users:

The second way to create users is to use the form below to import a list of users. Each line of the data should consist of a user name, full name, password, an optional outside email address and an optional note in that order. Each item must be delineated by a '|' character. You may want to paste the data into the form from another source such as a word processor or spread sheet.

The pipe character, '|', is created by holding down the shift and back slash keys. The back slash key is above the enter key on your keyboard.

The outside e-mail address and note are optional. The full name must include some text, but it may be generic text such as 'Blank' or 'NA.'

We recommend that you select an administrator for the new accounts before choosing the import button. You can specify a different administrator for the accounts later. The specified administrator will receive any of the student's blocked mail.

The format for the data should be in the form:
User Name|Full Name|Password|Outside E-mail for Password Retrieval|Notes|Student ID|Grad Year|Administrator's Gaggle ID|Forwarding Email Address

Example:
joe.s|Joe Somebody|Opensesame|joe@yahoo.com|notes about Joe|782390274|2014|1001|mr_somebody@WAISD.k12.tx.us
jill.W|Jill Williams|red22|jills_dad@aol.com|notes about Jill|782390285|2012|1001|
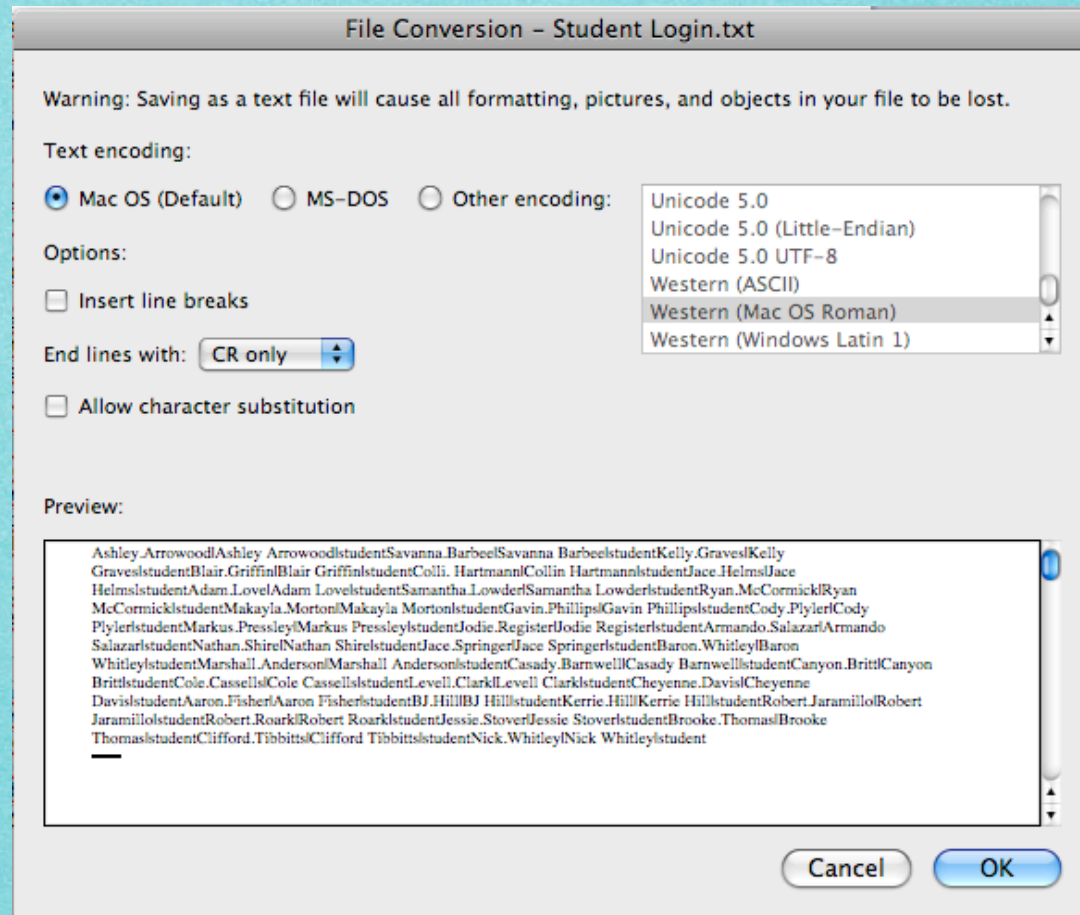sam.b|Sam Brown|ace45|

You may want to **download the Student Setup program** which can help you create the import data.

User List	
Administrator	–
Access Level	Default
Graduation Year	–
Force Password Change	☐
Msg Board Access Level	Default
Chat Room Access	Default
Digital Locker Access Level	Default
Max Messages Per Day	Default
Max Recipients per Email	Default
Directory Access	Default
Language Translation	Default
	Import

✳ Importing Students as a group

Student Setup cont.

▷ Copy and Paste

File Conversion – Student Login.txt

Warning: Saving as a text file will cause all formatting, pictures, and objects in your file to be lost.

Text encoding:

⦿ Mac OS (Default)   ◯ MS–DOS   ◯ Other encoding:

| Unicode 5.0 |
| Unicode 5.0 (Little–Endian) |
| Unicode 5.0 UTF–8 |
| Western (ASCII) |
| Western (Mac OS Roman) |
| Western (Windows Latin 1) |

Options:

☐ Insert line breaks

End lines with: [CR only ⬍]

☐ Allow character substitution

Preview:

Ashley.Arrowood|Ashley Arrowood|studentSavanna.Barbee|Savanna Barbee|studentKelly.Graves|Kelly Graves|studentBlair.Griffin|Blair Griffin|studentColli. Hartmann|Collin Hartmann|studentJace.Helms|Jace Helms|studentAdam.Love|Adam Love|studentSamantha.Lowder|Samantha Lowder|studentRyan.McCormick|Ryan McCormick|studentMakayla.Morton|Makayla Morton|studentGavin.Phillips|Gavin Phillips|studentCody.Plyler|Cody Plyler|studentMarkus.Pressley|Markus Pressley|studentJodie.Register|Jodie Register|studentArmando.Salazar|Armando Salazar|studentNathan.Shire|Nathan Shire|studentJace.Springer|Jace Springer|studentBaron.Whitley|Baron Whitley|studentMarshall.Anderson|Marshall Anderson|studentCasady.Barnwell|Casady Barnwell|studentCanyon.Britt|Canyon Britt|studentCole.Cassells|Cole Cassells|studentLevell.Clark|Levell Clark|studentCheyenne.Davis|Cheyenne Davis|studentAaron.Fisher|Aaron Fisher|studentBJ.Hill|BJ Hill|studentKerrie.Hill|Kerrie Hill|studentRobert.Jaramillo|Robert Jaramillo|studentRobert.Roark|Robert Roark|studentJessie.Stover|Jessie Stover|studentBrooke.Thomas|Brooke Thomas|studentClifford.Tibbitts|Clifford Tibbitts|studentNick.Whitley|Nick Whitley|student

Cancel   OK

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Example:
joe.s|Joe Somebody|Opensesame|joe@yahoo.com|notes about Joe|782390274|2014|1001|mr_somebody@WAISD.k12.tx.us
jill.W|Jill Williams|red22|jills_dad@aol.com|notes about Jill|782390285|2012|1001|
sam.b|Sam Brown|ace45|

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User List

```
Jessie.Stover|Jessie Stover|student
Brooke.Thomas|Brooke Thomas|student
Clifford.Tibbitts|Clifford Tibbitts|student
Nick.Whitley|Nick Whitley|student
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Administrator   Susie Austin

Access Level   Student

Graduation Year   2013

Force Password Change   ☐

Msg Board Access Level   Class Message Boards Only

Chat Room Access   Class Chat Rooms Only

Digital Locker Access Level   Can Store District & School Public Files

Max Messages Per Day   10

Max Recipients per Email   No Limit

Directory Access   Class Only

Language Translation   Default

Import

Teacher Setup

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Password — Choose a password for the user. The user can change it later.

Retype Password — Reenter the password.

Outside E-mail — If you forget your password it will be mailed to this outside e-mail address.

Access Level [Default] — Student access is recommended.*

Administrator [–] — Choose an administrator for the user. This determines which teacher controls the student's account. For non-student accounts leave this item blank.

Student/Staff ID

Graduation Year [–]

Force Password Change ☐

Msg Board Access Level [Default]

Chat Room Access [Default]

Digital Locker Access Level [Default]

Max Messages Per Day [Default]

Max Recipients per Email [Default]

Directory Access [Default]

Language Translation [Default]

(Add)

* Enter in all the teachers manually that you want to take part in this.

* Add User

Jump To ▶ | Click
School Admin
susie_austin' | School Setup
Folders: | User List
📁 Inbox | Add Users
📁 Blocked | Teacher Help
📁 Drafts | Edit Msg Boards
📁 Sent | Edit Chat Rooms
📁 Deleted | Admin Guide
 | Teacher FAQ
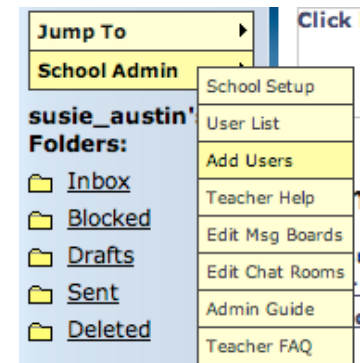
Teacher Help

▷ Get Teacher help at anytime

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Sign up for service | Learn more | Product tour | Quotes & reviews | Q & A | Index | About | Contact

Teacher Help

Welcome to the Teacher Help Section for Gaggle.

Administrator's Guide
If you would like to see detailed information about setting up and using the Gaggle email service, you may download an Adobe Acrobat version of the Administrator's Guide.

Download the newest version of the **Administrator's Guide**.

Quick Start Guides
The **Teacher Quick Start Guide** offers two handouts that explain how teachers and students can quickly get started using Gaggle. Follow this link to access the **Velocity Quick Start Guides**. Velocity is the new Gaggle interface launched in Fall 2008.

Training Videos
The **Gaggle Training Videos** are a great way for new educators to learn about Gaggle. There are over 30 short videos that can be streamed right to your desktop. Most are less than 5 minutes long and include topics such as Adding Users, Blocked Messages, Blogs, Homework Drop Boxes, Digital Lockers and Administrative Features.

Gaggler Archives
The **Gaggler Archives** contain past issues of our newsletter with lots of great tricks, tips and ideas for curriculum projects.

Frequently Asked Questions
The **Teacher's Frequently Asked Questions** is a great place to learn more about using the Gaggle system.

Importing Student Lists / Student Setup Program
If you have a large list of students to set up, you may want to download the Student Setup Program.

This program takes a list of student names and creates the text necessary to import users. It creates a user name based upon the student name and creates a random password. The formated text can then be used to quickly import new users.

Download the **Macintosh** version of the **Student Set Up program**.
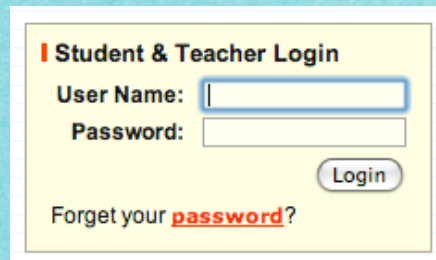Download the **Windows** version of the **Student Set Up program**.

Download a custom login page
This is a set of example files that make up a login page that you can put on your own web site. You can customize it with your school's logo or a special message.

Download a zip file containing the **example login page**.

Let's Use Email

▷ Have Students to Login

| Student & Teacher Login |
| User Name: | |
| Password: | |
| Login |
| Forget your **password**? |

▷ Decide if they are going to change their password; if YES...do that now; if NO, continue on.

Jump To: Velocity

▷ Show student how to create and send email messages.

Questions?

▷ Do you have any questions

▷ If you would like to contact us at a later time, please feel free to "email"….
We've Got Mail!