

## A Parent's Guide to MY Access!

What is MY Access!?

MY Access! is an online writing program that helps students to plan, write, receive automatic instructional suggestions, and revise their writing. Each of the writing assignments support practice for district and state tests and align with educational standards.

Using MY Access, students (guided by their teacher) will practice with a variety of tools to improve their writing, including interactive outlines, grammar and spell checkers, outlines, rubrics and a "Writer's Guide" with on line and printable activities.

Get Involved in Your Child's Learning:

Supporting learning at home and setting aside time each week to review assignments is the best way to help your child improve his or her skills and succeed on district, state, and national tests.

And as a family member or caregiver, you can have access to MY Access! via the web. You can check assignments, monitor progress and even learn along with your child! To keep you informed of your student's work, MY Access! Parent Letters can let you track your child's latest progress. The letters will provide information such as:

The assignment your student is working on:

The overall score they received, as well as the writing trait scores broken down by:

- Focus & Meaning
- Content & Development
- Organization
- Language Use, Voice, and Style
- Mechanics & Conventions

Talk to your child's teacher about how you can receive MY Access! parent letters to follow along with your child's work and progress!

Collaborate to Ensure Success:

"Growing Together with MY Access!" combines Vantage Learning's award-winning instructional writing program with on-site parent training and online support. The goal is to encourage both parents and teachers to work together with students to provide an enriching and supportive learning environment at home and in the classroom. Through these joint efforts, students will find the motivation they need to reach their full potential and excel in school and beyond.

Workshops can be offered either on-site or via the Internet on evenings or weekends; additional workshops may be conducted if requested by the participating school or district. Sessions include:

"Getting Ready to Use MY Access!" to help you become more computer savvy

"The In's and Out's of MY Access!" to provide information that you and your child need to know about the MY Access! writing instructional program

"Ongoing Parent/Child Support" and "Enhancing Parent Participation" will help you learn how to more effectively:

- use feedback to enhance your child's achievement
- · communicate with your child's teacher
- become an ally in the education process

If you are interested in these programs, talk to your child's principal and encourage them to sign up for Vantage Learning' Growing Together with MY Access!







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