

Handy Tips for Left-Handed Students

Here are some suggestions to help left-handed students develop handwriting skills consistent with right-handed students:

Spatial Organization

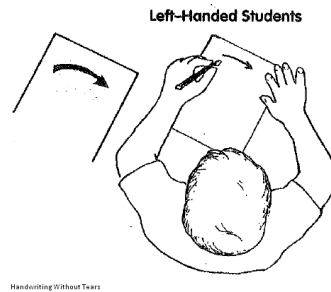
- Place writing paper in front of the students left shoulder and any other material they need to copy from or read to their right. This allows the student to easily see the other material without having to look over their arm



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Paper orientation:

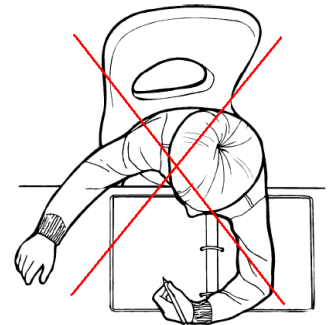
- Tilt the paper toward the right approximately 30° for both manuscript and cursive writing



Handwriting Without Tears

Preventing the “hook” position:

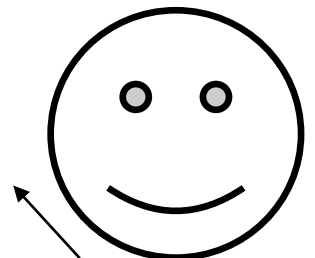
- Proper paper orientation for left-handed students (as mentioned above)
 - This position allows students to easily see what they are writing and it is almost anatomically impossible to adopt a “hook” position
- Avoid placing paper in a vertical position
- Avoid writing on a paper held in a binder
 - Remove paper from the binder in order for your student to adopt a comfortable and functional writing position



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Using Scissors:

- Allow left-handed children to use left handed scissors or ambidextrous scissors
- Proper cutting position:
 - Make sure the students thumb is placed facing up
 - Encourage stabilizing paper with the right hand
 - When cutting out shapes have the child start cutting toward the left



Direction to start cutting out shape

Reference:

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