

**Making Mechanics Matter: Holding
Students Accountable for Your Biggest
Writing Pet Peeves, Grades 4-12**

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Location: Morris-Union Jointure Commission
Professional Development Center
340 Central Avenue, New Providence

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration	MUJC Members:	\$ 85.00
Fees:	Nonmembers with Subscription:	\$ 85.00
	Nonmembers:	\$100.00

This in person inservice will provide participants with strategies that tackle one of the biggest challenges facing any teacher who collects written work from students—poor mechanics! Learn what the essential conventions of formal language are, how to teach them, and most importantly, how to coach students toward applying these skills within their own writing and hold them accountable for doing so. Stop being a copy editor for students; make mechanics matter – to them!

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in:

1. essential conventions of formal language and learning how to teach them;
2. the academic vocabulary students need to talk about writing conventions;
3. mastering conventions through meaningful practice and application to authentic writing tasks;
4. clear, focused criteria to guide students in writing correctly structured sentences and focus attention on key mechanics skills;
5. student accountability for the conventions of writing and turning over the work of editing from teacher to student.

This inservice is in person from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.