

# Michigan's Transition to Postsecondary Education and the Workplace



## VI. Transition Program Compendium of GED® Materials

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# Compendium of Texts, Resources, and Websites

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## Sample Texts for Michigan Transition English Language Arts/ Writing Program

- ❖ Jago, Carol. *Transitions Preparing for College Writing* (2010). Steck-Vaughn/HMH Supplemental Publishers.
- ❖ Fowler, H. Ramsey and Aaron, Jane E. *The Little Brown Handbook* (11th Edition). Pearson Longman.
- ❖ Harvey, Michael. *The Nuts and Bolts of College Writing* (2003). Hackett Publishing Company.
- ❖ Hjortshoj, Keith. *The Transition to College Writing* (2009). Bedford/St. Martin's Publishing.

### Other Resources:

- ❖ Guide to Grammar & Writing. Dr. Charles Darling. Capital Community College.  
<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index.htm>
- ❖ Hacker Handbook – <http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/hacker/exercises/>
- ❖ Purdue University's OWL – <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>
- ❖ Job Start – <http://www.jobstart101.org/>

## Sample Texts for Michigan Transition Reading Program:

- ❖ Cortina, Joe and Elder, Janet. *Opening Doors – Understanding College Reading* 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2011). McGraw-Hill.
- ❖ Langan, John. *Groundwork for College Reading* (2008). Townsend Press.
- ❖ Winter, Gene. *Textcerpts: Mastering College Textbook Reading* (2007). Pearson Education.
- ❖ *Timed Readings*. Jamestown Press.

### Other Resources:

- ❖ Frye, Edward and Kress, Jacqueline. *The Reading Teacher's Book of Lists* (2006). Jossey-Bass.
- ❖ Kruidenier, John. *Research-Based Principles for Adult Basic Education Reading Instruction* (2002). The Partnership for Reading. [http://lincs.ed.gov/publications/pdf/adult\\_ed\\_02.pdf](http://lincs.ed.gov/publications/pdf/adult_ed_02.pdf)

### Sample Texts for Michigan Transition Mathematics Program:

- ❖ Dugopolski, Mark. Elementary Algebra – 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2009). McGraw-Hill Higher Education.
- ❖ Lial, Margaret; Hornsby, John; and McGinnis, Terry. Beginning Algebra – 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (2007). Pearson/Addison Wesley.
- ❖ Kennedy, Paul. Transitions Preparing for College Algebra (2010). Steck-Vaughn/HMH Supplemental Publishers.
- ❖ Tobey, John & Slater, Jeffery. Beginning Algebra – 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2010). Prentice Hall/Pearson.

### Other Resources:

- ❖ Pre-Algebra and Algebra. Standard Deviants DVD Interactive. Cerebellum Corporation – [www.standarddeviants.com](http://www.standarddeviants.com)
- ❖ The Math Dude - [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/MathDude/MD\\_Downloads.shtm](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/MathDude/MD_Downloads.shtm)
- ❖ Purple Math – <http://www.purplemath.com/>
- ❖ Algebra.help – <http://www.algebrahelp.com>
- ❖ Algebra 1 Online – Henrico County Public Schools Virginia – <http://teachers.henrico.k12.va.us/math/hcpsalgebra1/modules.html>
- ❖ Beginning Algebra Virtual Math Lab – West Texas A and M University – [http://www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/beg\\_algebra/index.htm](http://www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/beg_algebra/index.htm)

### College Placement and GED Testing Service® Sites

- ❖ ACT® – <http://www.act.org/>
- ❖ SAT® – <http://www.collegeboard.org/>
- ❖ Accuplacer® – <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/>
- ❖ Compass® – <http://www.act.org/compass/>
- ❖ Official Home of the GED Testing Service® – [http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GED\\_TS](http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=GED_TS)
- ❖ GED Testing Service® – <http://gedtestingservice.com/>
- ❖ GED® Computer Based Testing – <http://gedtestingservice.com/>

## Language Arts, Writing Websites

<b>How to Write an Essay: 10 Easy Steps</b>	A step-by-step process on how to write an effective essay.	<a href="http://www1.aucegypt.edu/academic/writers/">http://www1.aucegypt.edu/academic/writers/</a>
<b>Institute for Writing and Rhetoric</b>	This site from Dartmouth College provides materials for teaching different types of writing in college settings.	<a href="http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/about.html">http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/about.html</a>
<b>Guide to Grammar and Writing</b>	Professor Charles Darling at Capital Community College has created this incredible resource on grammar and writing. The site provides information at the word and sentence, paragraph, and essay level.	<a href="http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/">http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/</a> <a href="http://webster.commnet.edu/grammar/index.htm">http://webster.commnet.edu/grammar/index.htm</a>
<b>Hacker Handbook</b>	This interactive resource includes a series of quizzes to test student's knowledge in all areas of grammar. These exercises were developed by Dianne Hacker at Prince George's Community College in Maryland. Note: Shockwave is required to complete the exercises.	<a href="http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/hacker/exercises/">http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/hacker/exercises/</a>
<b>Paradigm Online Writing</b>	This is a comprehensive online textbook covering all aspects of the writing process.	<a href="http://www.powa.org/">http://www.powa.org/</a>
<b>Purdue University's OWL</b>	One of the most extensive collections of advice about writing found on the web. About half of the more than 75 handouts address punctuation and grammatical issues and include exercises for the user. Others focus on style and reference formats and give advice about the writing process itself.	<a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/">http://owl.english.purdue.edu/</a>
<b>RAFTS Northern Nevada Writing Project</b>	The project includes print materials that may be purchased, as well as access to RAFTS prompts that can be generated electronically.	<a href="http://www.unr.edu/educ/nnwp/index.html">http://www.unr.edu/educ/nnwp/index.html</a>

<b>Teaching That Makes Sense</b>	A K-12 site with lots of free resources and graphic organizers from Steve Peha.	<a href="http://ttms.org/">http://ttms.org/</a>
<b>The Elements of Style</b>	An easy-to-understand guide to correct grammar. This online version contains the complete original text. It is filled with tips on how to write clearly and correctly and how to avoid the most common grammatical errors.	<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/141/index.html">http://www.bartleby.com/141/index.html</a>
<b>The Internet Grammar Guide</b>	An online course in English grammar written primarily for university undergraduates.	<a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/internet-grammar/">http://www.ucl.ac.uk/internet-grammar/</a>
<b>The National Commission on Writing in America's Schools and Colleges</b>	This site includes research reports developed to focus national attention on the teaching and learning of writing. In addition to research reports, the site also provides access to The National Writing Project.	<a href="http://www.writingcommission.org">http://www.writingcommission.org</a>
<b>The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)</b>	A wealth of information on the writing process, NCTE has developed national standards for assessment and evaluation in the area of English.	<a href="http://www.ncte.org/">http://www.ncte.org/</a>
<b>The Writing Site</b>	This site is maintained by the Corporation for Educational Technology and the Indiana Department of Education. The site includes extensive writing resources for the classroom teacher.	<a href="http://www.thewritingsite.org">http://www.thewritingsite.org</a>
<b>Writing Centre of the University of Ottawa</b>	This site provides a HyperGrammar resource, as well as activities for the classroom.	<a href="http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/partsp.html">http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/partsp.html</a>
<b>The Writing Center</b>	A writing site from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Provides information on how to write different types of college papers.	<a href="http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/index.html">http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/index.html</a>

## Language Arts, Reading Websites

<b>An Online Library of Literature</b>	Reading books online that can be downloaded free from this online library.	<a href="http://www.literature.org/">http://www.literature.org/</a>
<b>Augusta Technical College</b>	This site provides reading strategies for students to use when reading different types of texts.	<a href="http://www.augusta.tec.ga.us/CounselingCenter/AcademicCounseling/readingStrategies.shtml">http://www.augusta.tec.ga.us/CounselingCenter/AcademicCounseling/readingStrategies.shtml</a>
<b>Authentic Assessment Toolbox</b>	Extensive site developed by Jonathan Mueller. This site provides materials on how to use authentic tasks and/or assessments in the classroom.	<a href="http://jonathan.mueller.faculty.noctrl.edu/toolbook/howdoyoudoit.htm">http://jonathan.mueller.faculty.noctrl.edu/toolbook/howdoyoudoit.htm</a> .
<b>Awesome Library Education Sites</b>	Lists and links to the top 5% educational sites on the Internet. The list changes and adds new sites based on usage.	<a href="http://awesomelibrary.org/">http://awesomelibrary.org/</a>
<b>California Distance Learning Project Online</b>	Online learning activities for adult education students in a variety of content areas. The articles are high interest with questions and activities.	<a href="http://www.cdiponline.org/">http://www.cdiponline.org/</a>
<b>Cerritos College Skills Tutorials</b>	This site provides practice in different areas of reading. The materials are higher level.	<a href="http://www.cerritos.edu/reading/tutorials.htm">http://www.cerritos.edu/reading/tutorials.htm</a>
<b>College Reading Skills Program Techniques for Skillful Reading</b>	The College Reading Skills Program (CRSP) utilizes various vocabulary, critical comprehension, and reading rate strategies to encourage students in becoming more active and critical when they are engaged in the reading process.	<a href="http://www.csupomona.edu/~lrc/crsp/techniques.html">http://www.csupomona.edu/~lrc/crsp/techniques.html</a>
<b>Critical Reading</b>	This site explains how to analyze content, language, and structure in reading texts.	<a href="http://www.criticalreading.com/">http://www.criticalreading.com/</a>
<b>Detroit Newspapers in Education (NIE Online)</b>	Sponsored by The Detroit News, NIE Online provides links to daily lesson plans for use in teaching current events. The site also includes an index of weekly plans.	<a href="http://nieonline.com/detroit/index.cfm">http://nieonline.com/detroit/index.cfm</a>

<b>Discovery Channel</b>	All types of interesting reading materials, as well as videos, can be found on the Discovery Channel.	<a href="http://www.discovery.com/">http://www.discovery.com/</a>
<b>Graphic.Org</b>	This site provides teachers with a wide variety of different types of graphic organizers with information about their use in the reading process.	<a href="http://www.graphic.org/goindex.html">http://www.graphic.org/goindex.html</a>
<b>Interactive Word Games</b>	Online games are provided to strengthen vocabulary skills.	<a href="http://www.wordplays.com/p/index">http://www.wordplays.com/p/index</a>
<b>Literature – What Makes a Good Story</b>	Explains the elements of a short story and provides activities for the classroom.	<a href="http://www.learner.org/exhibits/literature/index.html">http://www.learner.org/exhibits/literature/index.html</a> .
<b>Regents Reading Test University System of Georgia</b>	Online activities that check students' comprehension skills.	<a href="http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwrtp/instrdg.htm">http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwrtp/instrdg.htm</a>
<b>RHL School</b>	Free downloadable reading comprehension worksheets.	<a href="http://www.rhlschool.com">http://www.rhlschool.com</a>
<b>Smithsonian Online</b>	All types of reading resources and materials from the Smithsonian Museum.	<a href="http://www.si.edu/">http://www.si.edu/</a>
<b>The English Zone</b>	Printable worksheets for reading comprehension and vocabulary.	<a href="http://www.english-zone.com/">http://www.english-zone.com/</a>
<b>The Internet Public Library</b>	This is a free online public library with references, books, stories, and newspapers from all over the world.	<a href="http://www.ipl.org/">http://www.ipl.org/</a>
<b>The Wacky World of Words</b>	All types of online games and activities for students to use in order to enrich their vocabulary.	<a href="http://www.gecdsb.on.ca/d&amp;g/jan00/web4.htm">http://www.gecdsb.on.ca/d&amp;g/jan00/web4.htm</a>
<b>Using Newspapers in the Classroom</b>	This website includes a list of activities across a variety of content areas that can be completed in the classroom by using newspapers.	<a href="http://www.teachersdesk.org/news.html">http://www.teachersdesk.org/news.html</a>
<b>Vocabulary University</b>	Lots of fun activities and interactive games that assist students in learning vocabulary fundamentals.	<a href="http://www.vocabulary.com/">http://www.vocabulary.com/</a>

## Algebra Websites

<b>Algebra Lab</b>	Activities and strategies for teaching algebra and how to solve different types of problems.	<a href="http://www.algebralab.org/">http://www.algebralab.org/</a>
<b>Algebra Bingo</b>	A fun game to get students familiar with the basic terminology of algebra.	<a href="http://www.sageoak.com/bingo.asp?whichbingo=Algebra">http://www.sageoak.com/bingo.asp?whichbingo=Algebra</a>
<b>Algebra Courses</b>	The Math Lab provides courses online in basic and more advanced algebra.	<a href="http://www.themathlab.com/Algebra/algebra.htm">http://www.themathlab.com/Algebra/algebra.htm</a>
<b>Algebra Course from Annenberg</b>	This course provides a great introduction to algebra for teachers and students.	<a href="http://www.learner.org/channel/courses/learningmath/algebra/index.html">http://www.learner.org/channel/courses/learningmath/algebra/index.html</a>
<b>Algebra Review in Ten Lessons</b>	The University of Akron provides an online review of the basics of algebra.	<a href="http://www.math.uakron.edu/~dpstory/mpt_home.html">http://www.math.uakron.edu/~dpstory/mpt_home.html</a>
<b>An Online Algebra Text</b>	A full online algebra textbook is provided by James Brennan, Boise State University.	<a href="http://www.jamesbrennan.org/algebra/">http://www.jamesbrennan.org/algebra/</a>
<b>Aplus Math</b>	Click on the worksheets and create your own drills. You can specify the number of problems per page, types of problems, etc., and create free printable worksheets.	<a href="http://www.aplusmath.com/">http://www.aplusmath.com/</a>
<b>GradeA Math Help</b>	Lessons for pre-algebra and algebra with free printable worksheets.	<a href="http://www.gradeamathhelp.com/index.html">http://www.gradeamathhelp.com/index.html</a>
<b>Illuminations</b>	Great lesson plans for all areas of mathematics at all levels from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)	<a href="http://illuminations.nctm.org">http://illuminations.nctm.org</a>
<b>Insites into Algebra 1</b>	Algebra information and professional development for middle and high school teachers is provided by the Annenberg Foundation.	<a href="http://www.learner.org/resources/series196.html">http://www.learner.org/resources/series196.html</a>

<b>Interactive Algebra</b>	This site provides different types of algebraic equations to solve that are generated at random.	<a href="http://www.veazeys.com/math/lessons.htm">http://www.veazeys.com/math/lessons.htm</a>
<b>Math.com</b>	Generate free algebra worksheets.	<a href="http://www.math.com/students/worksheet/algebra_sp.htm">http://www.math.com/students/worksheet/algebra_sp.htm</a>
<b>Mrs. Glossers' Math Goodies</b>	Puzzles, games, activities, algebra etc. for all ages are provided on this site.	<a href="http://www.mathgoodies.com/">http://www.mathgoodies.com/</a>
<b>National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)</b>	Professional organization for teachers of mathematics. Research, publications, national standards, and general information are available at the site.	<a href="http://www.nctm.org/">http://www.nctm.org/</a>
<b>National Library of Virtual Manipulatives for Math</b>	All types of virtual manipulatives for use in the classroom from algebra tiles to fraction strips. This is a great site for students who need to see the "why" of math.	<a href="http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/index.html">http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/index.html</a>
<b>Professor Freedman's Math Help</b>	Information on basic math and algebra written for the adult audience.	<a href="http://www.mathpower.com/">http://www.mathpower.com/</a>
<b>Purple Math</b>	If you're looking for practical algebra lessons, then look no further. This site gives great practical tips, hints, and provides algebra examples and common error patterns.	<a href="http://www.purplemath.com/">http://www.purplemath.com/</a>
<b>The Math Forum</b>	This comprehensive math website provides articles, lesson plans and support for any topic in mathematics from K-12 through advanced college courses.	<a href="http://mathforum.org/">http://mathforum.org/</a>
<b>The Top Ten Sites</b>	Choose your topic and go to the top ten sites as identified by the Exploratorium in California. This site changes so check often.	<a href="http://www.exploratorium.edu/learning_studio/cool/mathematics.html">http://www.exploratorium.edu/learning_studio/cool/mathematics.html</a>
<b>Math Planet</b>	Math Planet will help the students all over the world to build up a strong math skill so that they can confront tomorrow's challenge.	<a href="http://library.thinkquest.org/16284/index_s.htm?tqskip1=1&amp;tqtime=0331">http://library.thinkquest.org/16284/index_s.htm?tqskip1=1&amp;tqtime=0331</a>

<b>Skool</b>	Lots of audio and animated lessons related to science and math. They're all very accessible to students, including English Language Learners.	<a href="http://kent.skool.co.uk/index.aspx">http://kent.skool.co.uk/index.aspx</a>
<b>Math Videos Online</b>	These videos and lessons are designed to provide teachers with free resources for teaching linear equations. Here you can find lessons and videos regarding one and two-step equations, as well as word problems involving linear equations.	<a href="http://www.math-videos-online.com/">http://www.math-videos-online.com/</a>
<b>Math Vids</b>	Get free math help by watching free math videos online from algebra and geometry to calculus and college math.	<a href="http://www.mathvids.com/">http://www.mathvids.com/</a>
<b>Math TV</b>	Free videos in all areas of mathematics.	<a href="http://www.mathtv.com/videos_by_topic">http://www.mathtv.com/videos_by_topic</a>
<b>Brightstorm</b>	Short and to the point free math videos covering all types of topics.	<a href="http://www.brightstorm.com/math">http://www.brightstorm.com/math</a>
<b>The Math Dude</b>	A full video curriculum for the basics of algebra.	<a href="http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/MathDude/MD_Downloads.shtm">http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/MathDude/MD_Downloads.shtm</a>

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