Hi, teachers.

Welcome to D’Nealian® Handwriting—a K-5 continuous stroke, manuscript-cursive handwriting program that has been reimagined to support learning wherever it takes place.

Join me for the next few minutes so I can help you feel prepared to jump in on day one. We’ll explore the advantages of D’Nealian by looking at the lesson design, how the program works, and the components.

Let’s get started!
First, let's explore the advantages of D'Nealian Handwriting.

*D'Nealian* supports early literacy and fine motor skills development with a lowercase continuous stroke focused on proper size, slant, and spacing.

The program cuts down on common reversals such as *b* and *d* or *p* and *g*, because there are few pencil lifts.

*D'Nealian* eases the transition from manuscript to cursive since most lowercase letters are the same in cursive.
How does D'Nealian work?
Build Prewriting Skills

D’Nealian begins by teaching students critical prewriting skills, such as left-to-right progression, proper writing sitting position, along with fine motor skills like pencil grip and eye-hand coordination.

Proper Size, Slant, and Spacing

D’Nealian teaches students proper slant, letter size, and spacing and continually emphasizes these skills throughout the program.
Writing Manuscript Letters and Numbers

In D’Nealian, students will first learn to trace manuscript lowercase letters and then they will practice writing the letters on their own. Students will learn to write numerals and number words.

Students learn to trace manuscript capital letters and then they will practice writing the letters.

Transitioning to Cursive

The D’Nealian manuscript continuous stroke method facilitates a smooth transition to writing lowercase cursive letters.

Students learn their capital cursive letters by tracing the letters, then writing the letters.
Now that you know how the program works, let's take a look at the materials you and your students will be using. D'Nealian Handwriting has print program components and digital access on Savvas Realize™, our online platform. Take a few minutes to check out each component.
**Teachers Edition**

**D’Nealian Handwriting Components**

**Teacher’s Edition**

D’Nealian Handwriting provides teachers everything they need to support handwriting instruction:

- Step-by-step instruction for each part of the lesson
- Annotated Student Edition pages
- Embedded teaching support in English and Spanish

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**Student Edition**

**D’Nealian Handwriting Components**

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D’Nealian Handwriting connects learning through:

- Colorful illustrations
- Engaging activities
- Self-evaluation tool
Handwriting Kit

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Handwriting Kit

D’Nealian Handwriting includes the option to purchase a K-2 handwriting kit to support tactile learning for students learning how to write.

The kit includes:

- **alpha-touch cards**
- a classroom set (25) of write-on/wipe-off cards to support hands-on learning and practice
- tracing letter and number cards to offer additional tactile and hands-on learning for young students

Realize

D’Nealian Handwriting Components

Digital Access on Savvas Realize

D’Nealian Handwriting includes digital access on Savvas Realize where you can find teaching resources, printable student practice pages, stroke modeling animations, and much more.

You’ll see:

- Stroke Modeling Animations
- Interactive Teacher’s Edition
- Student Edition PDF
- On-Demand Student Practice Pages
- Interactive Student Practice
Lesson Design

What does a lesson look like? Within the Teacher’s Edition, you’ll find easy-to-follow lesson plans.

Every lesson begins with a clear objective. Stroke modeling animations on Savvas Realize can be used to support instruction during the Warm-Up.
D'Nealian follows a simple 4-step lesson design with short practice sessions. This makes it easy to incorporate handwriting instruction and practice into your classroom routine.

Let's take a closer look at each step.
Step 1: Teach

In step 1, you provide explicit support for teaching the tracing or writing skill. The explanations you provide to students are offered in English and Spanish.
Step 2: Model and Guide Practice

In step 2, you will model and guide students through the lesson objective.

The skills are modeled through a variety of learning modalities including audio, visual, tactile, and kinesthetic.
Step 3: Practice

In step 3, students complete their practice for the lesson.

This part of the lesson includes point-of-use reference to the Student Edition pages.
**Step 4: Evaluate**

In step 4, you support students in checking their own tracing and letter formation.

You'll notice we've added suggested questions for students to check their letter formation. This step supports student independence and fosters self-assessment.
**Additional Practice**

Every *D'Nealian* lesson includes printable practice worksheets you can download and print from Savvas Realize.

Every lesson includes an activity bank of additional activities to support the lesson objective and offer opportunities to differentiate and extend instruction. The activities invite purposeful play with letters and words, they're often tactile, offer connections, and therefore make letters more memorable.
Real-World Tasks

As students learn cursive, they practice real-world writing tasks such as writing lists and thank you letters. This helps build motivation and a sense of accomplishment.
Are you looking for some tips for teaching and learning with D’Nealian Handwriting?
Check out these suggestions.
Let's Recap!

Now it's your turn.

You know the *D'Nealian Handwriting* components, advantages, and lesson design. Go ahead and try it in your classroom.

Thanks for watching!