

Left-Handed Suggestions

Paper Position

- A right-handed person generally positions the paper with the right corner higher; a left-handed person should position the paper with the left corner higher (remember, “Right for right, left for left”).
- Position paper with the right side to the left of the child’s midline. You can try teaching the child to place both forearms on the desk to form a triangle. Fit the paper into the triangle with the left side lined up with the left arm, then without changing the slant slide the paper to the left of midline.
- Slant the paper up to 45 degrees so the left hand does not cover the work as the child completes it.

Pencil Grip

- Pencil grip is the same for right-handed and left-handed use (about 1” to 1 1/2” from the tip, pencil between thumb and index finger, resting on middle finger).

Scissors

- Ensure that left-handed scissors are always used (they are usually marked as such).
- Sometimes holding right-handed scissors upside down in the left hand works also.

Printing

- Many left-handed people prefer to make the horizontal strokes from right to left, pulling into the hand i.e.) H, T, J, G. It is not necessary to correct this. For some letters i.e.) E, L, F; it is best to make the horizontal lines from left to right.