

### *Blended Structure and Style for Writing*

This is an effective writing skills program which provides the necessary skills to become a good writer for students from grades one through high school and into post-secondary education. This is a comprehensive system for teaching writing which was developed by James B. Webster in his text 'Blended Structure and Style in Composition'.

The program offers a way to assist the teacher in developing competency, independence and creativity in their students, all within a system which provides for concrete evaluation and measurable achievement. 'Word-smithing' within a concrete set of expectations becomes a process that students enjoy and which increases their writing skills.

The program is divided into units and the pace of the teaching must be adjusted to meet the age, ability and interests of the students. Style is introduced one step at a time. The program provides valuable tools for written communication which will last a lifetime.

This is not a magical approach to writing – it requires work, time and consistency. Improvement will be seen in all students; dramatic improvements in some.