

### Atchison Students Will Continue To Learn Cursive Writing

(KAIR)--For countless generations, penmanship and cursive writing served as a pretty reliable indicator of literacy. However, with the advent of modern technology, people are relying more and more on computers and smartphones to communicate, making handwriting less and less common.

According to a story from the Associated Press, when the new Common Core educational standards were crafted, cursive classes were dropped. State leaders cited a host of reasons, including an increasing need for children to master computer keyboarding. However, Curriculum Director for USD 409 Robert Mueller says that as far as the state of Kansas goes, there is no plan to stop teaching cursive writing. The state board in Topeka has said that they think that it is important for students in Kansas to learn cursive writing, so they are currently going through a standards review on handwriting standards.

Mueller further says that there is more to teaching cursive writing than just writing it, saying that it is not so much the cursive itself, but giving students the option of using the cursive style of writing after it is taught to them.

At least seven of the 45 states that dropped cursive writing from the curriculum are now fighting to restore it.

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