

Pencil Grasps

How a writing instrument is grasped can have a significant impact on control. To control a pencil efficiently, the student will need to be able to:

1. Make small movements of the finger joints.
2. Hold the pencil firmly enough to control it, but not so tightly as to restrict movement.
3. Hold the pencil angled toward to shoulder.

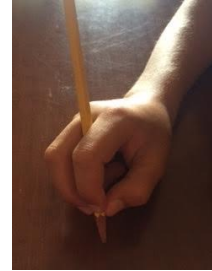
Functional Grasps



Tripod Grasp



Quadruped Grasp



Adapted Tripod

These grasps are considered functional. Unless your student is having a specific problem with handwriting there is no need to suggest change. Remember, “You don’t need to fix what isn’t broken.”

Dysfunctional/Immature Grasps



Thumb Wrap



Thumb Tuck



Palmar



Digital