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these organizers as most teachers are already using some version in their classrooms.

WRITTEN EXPRESSION & THE WRITTEN EXPRESSION CHECKLIST

In-class writing must be treated as rough drafts. (See **Rough Draft**, pages 29 - 30 in **Appendix B**) Not all writing assignments need to go through multiple drafts to a polished copy. Whenever possible, students should be encouraged to purpose the initial draft on a computer using an easy word processing program. If students do not know how to type, typing assignments from the Diana King Keyboarding Book (Available through Educators Publishing Service, Inc. 31 Smith Place, Cambridge, MA 02138-1000) can be incorporated into the **ssignment Sheet**. Use of the computer provides the student with ready a cess to 51 ll checkers and grammar programs.

The Written Expression Checklist on page 31 helps individualize a student's written expression. May a copy of the Written Expression Checklist for each student's four or notebook. After each student has completed his/her first paragraph, it should be saved and used as a baseline for the student's writing. Establicathe vord/syllable ratio by counting the words and syllables for each sentence and averaging them across the paragraph. That ratio should be recorded at lines 14 and 15 of the Written Expression Checklist. The goal is so increase the word/syllable ratio. Analyze all the errors in the student's paragraph and check the appropriate items on the Written Expression Checklist. Soid which three errors receive top priority and circle those numbers at the office of the Checklist. As students master the errors checked, other errors may be circled. Before handing in a rough draft, the student checks it against the Written Expression Checklist in his/her folder or notebook to see if errors can be spotted before the teacher checks the paragraph.

For assisting students with writing paragraphs, Diana King's "Writing Skills for the Adolescent" is recommended. (Available through Educators Publishing Services, Inc. • 31 Smith Place • Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138-1000 • PH: 1-800-225-5750)

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