

# HANDWRITING & EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS

## "RED FLAGS" OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTION PROBLEMS IN HANDWRITING

- Difficulty generating ideas
- Trouble articulating ideas
- Problems putting their ideas onto paper
- Difficulty forming the letters to produce written text
- Simple or minimized written output despite verbally responding to writing prompts
- Inappropriate pencil grasp
- Trouble initiating writing prompt
- Difficulty organizing work space
- Crumpled paper
- Tearing paper when writing or erasing
- Poor letter formation
- Difficulty with line and spatial awareness on the paper
- Slow writing speed
- Complaints of mechanics of writing (pencil needs sharpened, need better eraser, uncomfortable seat)
- Slow writing speed
- Written work does not answer the question or answers only part of the question despite verbally stating a full response.
- Repeats self in written work (in an open ended writing prompt type of task)