



## CLASSROOM STRATEGIES

### FAILS TO FORM LETTERS CORRECTLY WHEN PRINTING OR WRITING

- Check the student's writing position. A right handed person writing in cursive should tilt the paper to the left so the lower left hand corner points toward the midsection.
- Check the student's pencil grasp. The pencil should be held between the thumb and the first two fingers, one inch from its tip, with the top pointing toward the right shoulder (if right handed).
- Make certain the student is instructed in each letter formation, giving the student oral as well as physical descriptions and demonstrations.
- Provide the student with physical prompts by moving the student's hand, giving them a feeling of directionality.
- Use arrows to show the student the directionality when tracing or use dot to dot to form letters.
- Have the student practice tracing with reduced cues. Write the complete letter and have the student trace it. Gradually provide less of the letter for the student to trace (e.g., dashes then dots) as they are successful.