

Four Square Writing Model

You have been asked to use the Four Square Writing Model for inservice because it is a tool that you can use as a writing accommodation for students. It is an organizational tool and a great way to help students put similar ideas together to create a simple paragraph, a detailed paragraph or even an essay. The basic paragraph is the one included on the following page. It consists of

- 1) **Center rectangle:** Is the main idea/topic sentence of the paragraph.
- 2) **The top left square:** The first sentence that goes along with the topic. (If it doesn't go along with the topic, then it can't be used in the square).
 - a. A more detailed paragraph (or even essay) would include examples or details from this first sentence.
- 3) **The top right square:** Write the second sentence that goes along with the topic. (Remember to continue to stay with the main topic).
- 4) **The bottom left square:** Write the third sentence that goes along with the topic.
- 5) **The bottom right square:** Some teachers have the student write a fourth sentence that goes along with the topic. Other teachers ask that the students use this square as a final sentence that reviews the key points from the previous 3 sentences.

Example:

1) Paraprofessionals must have 20 inservice hours per year, for the first 3 years.	2) Tri-County offers paraprofessionals 13 hours of inservice in the Fall during Fall Inservice.
Topic: Paraprofessionals require a lot of training.	
3) Supervising teachers can provide training to their paras through after school trainings, recommended readings and district inservices.	4) Paraprofessionals can check the Tri-County website for additional para training opportunities.

Final/Rewritten Paragraph:

Paraprofessionals require a lot of training. They must have 20 inservice hours per year, for the first 3 years. Tri-County offers paraprofessionals 13 hours of inservice in the Fall during Fall Inservice. Supervising teachers can provide training to their paras through after school trainings, recommended readings and district inservices. Paraprofessionals can check the Tri-County website for additional para training opportunities.

