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Requiring cursive writing instruction as a mandatory part of the elementary curriculum is an outdated and unnecessary use of instructional time. Research shows that while handwriting is important for cognitive development, print writing is sufficient for these benefits. Furthermore, mandating cursive instruction imposes an additional burden on teachers and takes time away from more relevant subjects like STEM, reading comprehension, and modern communication skills. Instead of enforcing cursive as a statewide requirement, local school boards should retain the flexibility to determine its writing curriculum based on student needs and community interest.