

Writing for NSTA Journals

Thinking about writing an article for one of NSTA's journals? Before you get started, please review the valuable online writing resources assembled by NSTA's editors.

Getting started

The best way to begin is to peruse a copy of the journal you think would be most appropriate for your article:

- *Science and Children* (K–5)
www.nsta.org/elementaryschool#journal
- *Science Scope* (5–9)
www.nsta.org/middleschool#journal
- *The Science Teacher* (9–12)
www.nsta.org/highschool#journal
- *Journal of College Science Teaching* (College)
www.nsta.org/college#journal



While visiting us online, you can read articles written by your peers to get a feel for the material published, review the author guidelines for specific instructions, find calls for papers for each journal, and submit an article. Many of our journals publish several articles related to a theme,

which may help you find a focus for your writing.

NSTA's journal editors have put together a helpful guide called *Write Right from the Start*, which details the manuscript preparation process and describes what is expected in a published piece. This brief but thorough how-to guide provides helpful tips and can be downloaded from the NSTA website at www.nsta.org/main/pdfs/writestart.pdf.

Meet the editors

If you'd like more information about writing for the journals, please plan to attend the *Write Right from the Start* session on Saturday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Dallas Convention Center, Room A115, at the NSTA National Convention. Additional details are available in the convention program. The journal editors will be at the session to walk you through the manuscript preparation process and answer your questions.

Submitting a manuscript

Once you're ready to submit an article, the online manuscript submission and review system makes it easy to upload your manuscript to NSTA. This new system streamlines the submission process by:

- registering new authors electronically;
- eliminating the need to send multiple hard copies and disks through the mail;
- sending an immediate acknowledgment of your submission by e-mail; and
- automating the review process to provide feedback in a more timely fashion.

The first step for new authors is to visit NSTA's Manuscript Submission and Review System website at <http://msrs.nsta.org> and choose the "New authors—register here" link. This will take you to a screen where you will fill in your contact information and choose a User ID and Password. Authors who have already registered can simply login using their User ID and Password. They will then be able to update their personal information or submit a new manuscript. If you have any questions about submitting a manuscript online, please contact Ken Roberts at 703-312-9245, or email kroberts.nsta.org.

NSTA Manuscript Review System

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