

# the radical write

## teacher's manual

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### Lead writing exercise

You are a student at Your High, a science and technology magnet school. From the following information, write a “news leads we want to see” lead rather than a “news leads we see too often” lead.

**Who:** Your school district’s board of education  
**What:** revised the way it will admit incoming freshmen. The new policy takes effect next spring.  
**When:** Sept. 12  
**Where:** your school  
**Why:** to diversity its student population  
**How:** it will expand the pool of applicants who make the first cut in the review for admissions.

Other information:

*The magnet school changed its admissions policy so applicants will be reviewed on a “sliding scale” basis, meaning that the school will balance applicants’ grade points averages with their scores on the school’s admission test. That allows students who don’t test well to compensate with better grades, and those with lower grades to compensate with strong test scores, district spokesman Paul Romer said.*

- Your student publication will be published on Sept. 21.
- How would you report the above story in a way that does not tell readers what they already know?
- Who would be your primary sources?