

APA – In-text citations
(Hacker Manual, pp. 156-195)

Basic in-text citations

Original text:

The dedication of human capital will help strengthen New Jersey’s educational, community, and economic portfolios.

Although O’Malley (2003) argues that the “dedication of human capital will help strengthen New Jersey’s educational, community and economic portfolios” (para. 2), she is never clear on what “human capital” entails.

The “dedication of human capital” will boost education, society, and even economy in New Jersey (O’Malley, 2003, para. 2).

More than one author

- What if O’Malley had written the story with Cory Booker? (Two authors)

Although O’Malley and Booker (2003) argue that... (para. 2)

The “dedication of human... (O’Malley & Booker, 2003, para. 2)

- What if O’Malley had written the story with Cory Booker AND Michelle Rhee? (Three to five authors)

Although O’Malley, Booker, and Rhee (2003) argue that... (para. 2) → first time

Although O’Malley et al. (2003) argue that... (para. 2) → after first mention

Authors saying the same thing

Both authors argue that parent involvement is essential to improving public schools (O’Malley, 2003, para.2; Rhee, 2011, para. 5).

Indirect source (a source within a source)

Original text:

Today, more and more government officials agree that parent involvement is essential to improving public schools. Michelle Rhee, for example, says that parents are “key to achieving widespread change.” And she is not alone. Increasingly....

According to Michelle Rhee, involved parents are “key to achieving widespread change” (as cited in O’Malley, 2003, para. 11).

Footnotes

Use footnotes to explain background information that you do not need within the paper.

According to research from New Jersey United for Higher School Standards,¹ involved parents are more likely to...

¹ New Jersey United for Higher School Standards, headed by Mary O’Malley, is a group of businesses, non-profit, and educational organizations operating within the state of New Jersey.

In-text citation exercises

- 1. Choose a portion of O'Malley's text to quote and paraphrase. Model the two basic kinds of in-text citation.**

- 2. What if O'Malley had written the article with someone else? What would the in-text citation look like if there were two or three authors?**

Two authors	
Three-five authors	

- 3. What if O'Malley were saying the same thing as someone else?**

- 4. Suppose O'Malley writes this in her invisible 11th paragraph:**

Parent involvement cannot wait any longer. As Michelle Rhee said last Wednesday, "the time for parents to become involved in a child's education is nigh. Public schools <i>need</i> their support to stay afloat."

If you wanted to have an in-text citation for what Michelle Rhee said, what would it look like?

5. Of these two fragments, which one do you think would make a more appropriate footnote? Mark it with an “x.”

O'Malley even argues that making teachers feel more respect and support through parent involvement can improve a child's performance (2003, para. 9). The benefits resulting from increased parent involvement, then, are widespread.

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