

WRITING PROJECT GOALS

- Improve the learning and achievement of students across the state.
- Serve California teachers, students, schools, and districts through a model of university/school collaboration.
- Concentrate efforts where literacy is most in jeopardy.
- Honor the diversity of teachers and students.
- Emphasize approaches to writing and reading for English language learners.
- Support teachers as they prepare students to meet state standards.

WRITING PROJECT PRINCIPLES

- Teachers learn best from successful teachers in similar situations.
- Student writing can be improved by improving the teaching of writing.
- Writing is important as a method of learning and a vital tool for communication.
- Effective writing teachers gain insight from their own writing experiences and from those of their peers.
- Knowledge about the teaching of writing comes from those who teach, write, and research.
- All students are entitled to discover and develop their writing.



BECAUSE WRITING MATTERS...

IMPROVING
WRITING AND LEARNING
IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND
BEYOND



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“Writing today is not a frill for the few, but an essential skill for the many.”

—The National Commission on Writing

WRITING IS HARD WORK

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON WRITING

If students are to make knowledge their own, they must struggle with the details, wrestle with the facts, and rework raw information and dimly understood concepts into language they can communicate to someone else. In short, if students are to learn, they must write.



OUR 2017-2018 PROGRAMS

FOR TEACHERS

- **Demystifying the ELD Standards** (July 18, 2017 and TBD Spring 2018)
- **Navigating the ELA-ELD Framework:** (July 19, 2017 and TBD Spring 2018)
- **Improving Students' Analytical Writing (ISAW):** An open institute for secondary teachers (July 26-28, 2017)
- **The Write to Literacy Conference** (November 4, 2017)
- **The Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC) for grades 7 and 8:** A three-day open institute (Fall, 2017 and Summer 2018)
- **Open Institutes** (TBD 2017 and 2018)
- **Book Groups, Study Groups, and Writing Groups:** Available to all teachers (K– university). Scheduled as requested. See www.csun.edu/writingproject for current offerings.
- **Customized Professional Development** programs for schools. Developed at the request of a school, these are targeted to meet the individual needs of each school. As an affiliate of the California and National Writing Projects, we are authorized by the California State Board of Education to provide professional development.

FOR STUDENTS

- **Writing the College Personal Statement** (TBD September, 2017)
- **Young Writer's Camp** (Summer 2018)

The Cal State Northridge Writing Project

is a professional learning community where educators from a wide diversity of backgrounds and teaching assignments work collaboratively to share resources, analyze research and improve pedagogical practice.

Affiliated with the National Writing Project, we are part of the sixteen site network of the California Writing Project. Our mission is to improve student writing and learning by improving the teaching of writing. First established more than 40 years ago, the California Writing Project is housed on eight University of California campuses and eight California State University campuses. Every year over 30,000 teachers participate in California Writing Project campus, school, and district programs. These teachers represent all grade levels from kindergarten through university.



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