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## **School-based Professional Development Services**

WPWP is a site of the National Writing Project at the Department of English at the University of Pittsburgh. The project focuses on helping to improve writing in western Pennsylvania schools by providing high-caliber, relevant, on-site professional development services.

### **What services does WPWP provide?**

WPWP offers custom-designed presentations, workshops, writing courses, coaching, demonstration teaching and consultation. All services are designed to meet differentiated needs of teachers and students.

### **Who conducts the workshops, courses, coaching and demonstrations?**

Because the National Writing Project believes that the best models for educators to learn from are expert classroom teachers, all of our services are provided by teacher-consultants who are Fellows from the WPWP Summer Invitational Institutes at the University of Pittsburgh. These teacher consultants are currently or recently in classrooms.

### **What is the WPWP service area?**

Our service area includes Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Beaver, Lawrence, and Butler counties.

### **When can services be scheduled?**

Services may be scheduled on district-wide in-service days, after school, or during the summer. School-year series and courses are generally 6 sessions, 15 hours. Summer programs may be one- or two-week sessions of 30-60 hours.

### **Do these services provide Act 48 credit?**

WPWP is an approved provider of Act 48 Continuing Professional Education services.

### **Where has WPWP worked in the past?**

In the past five years we have worked with the following districts: • Aliquippa • Brentwood • Charleroi • Fox Chapel Area\* • Greensburg-Salem • Hampton Township\* • New Brighton\* • New Kensington • Pine-Richland • Pittsburgh • Plum • Riverview • Wilkinsburg.\* We also work in extended partnerships with districts in all subject and grade levels to inform teacher practice and improve student literacy skills. (\*Extended partnership district.)

### **How can schools or districts fund these services?**

WPWP services are approved for Title 1 funding.

### **What are the costs of these services?**

Fees vary depending on specific contracts with districts and schools. For further information or to schedule an appointment to discuss services, please contact Leslie Wessner, Outreach Coordinator, lwessner71@gmail.com or **412-624-6557**.

You may also visit [www.wpawritingproject.org](http://www.wpawritingproject.org) for further information.



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## **Selected Current Workshops on the Teaching of Writing**

- The Writing Process: Taking Writing from Draft through Publication
- Writing to Learn: Strategies for Content Area Teachers
- Making the Reading-Writing Connection
- Teachers as Writers: Personal and Professional Writing
- An In-depth look at the Five Pennsylvania Writing Domains: Focus, Content, Organization, Style, and Conventions
- Motivating Students to Write in Different Genres
- Making Classroom Discussion Work: Guidelines, Texts, and Evaluation Tools for Talk
- Advanced Seminars in Writing Instruction
- Using Rubrics and the Pennsylvania Scoring Guide as Tools for Revision
- Mini-lessons for Your Classroom
- Assessing Student Writing
- Grammar for Teachers
- Writing Persuasive Essays
- The Use of Technology in Writing
- Strategies for Teaching Writing in Inclusive Settings
- Setting up a Writing-based Classroom
- Rubrics: Creating and Using rubrics During the Writing Process
- Elements of Writing/Reading Workshop
- Creating and Using Writing Prompts
- Writing Genres: Narrative, Persuasive, Informational

## **Consultation Services**

- Developing and Implementing a District-wide Literacy Plan
- Aligning Writing Instruction to Standards
- Research-based Designs for Cross Curricular Writing Programs
- Designing Summer Writing Programs: Developing a District-based Summer Writing Camp
- Long-range Planning for Professional Development in Writing

## **Demonstration/Coaching Services**

These are designed cooperatively with individual schools and districts.

## **Costs for Services**

For after school, half day or whole day sessions with one presenter and a coordinator, we charge **\$250 per hour**.

- 3 hour after school session: \$750
- 6 hour whole day session: \$1500
- A series of six three-hour sessions: \$4,000

Additional fees are charged for groups over 30 to cover additional presenters and materials.

Consulting/Demonstration/Coaching Services: half-day/\$500, full-day/\$1,000