

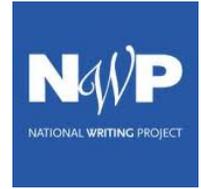


Morehead Writing Project

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Founded in 1986, the Morehead Writing Project (MWP) is one of nearly 200 National Writing Project (NWP) sites which comprise a network of educators devoted to improving literacy in general and the teaching of writing in specific. The Kentucky Writing Project (KWP) State Network includes eight sites which collaborate on projects that promote technology, social justice, and content area literacy as well as teacher leadership and research.

NWP is the only national professional development program focused on the teaching of writing

- ✓ 8 out of 10 Americans believe writing well is more important today than it was 20 years ago
- ✓ 3 out of 4 Americans believe schools should put more emphasis on teaching writing
- ✓ 98 out of 100 Americans believe learning to write is important to college success
- ✓ NWP's network includes more than 120,000 teachers in 3,000 school districts, reaching more than 1.4 million students annually
- ✓ Research studies consistently demonstrate gains in writing performance among students whose teachers participate in NWP programs
- ✓ 98% of NWP teachers stay in education for the remainder of their careers ~ frequently citing their renewed passion for teaching as well as the lessons they learned: "Because of the MWP Summer Institute I am armed and empowered to be a better teacher"

KWP, which receives support from the Kentucky Department of Education, is held up as a model

The Invitational Summer Institute is where writing project work begins – this is how K-16 educators across content areas join our national network. We have four goals for the SI:

- ✓ Teacher as Writer
- ✓ Teacher as Reflective Practitioner
- ✓ Teacher as Researcher
- ✓ Teacher as Leader

Nearly **500 teachers** (K-16, all content areas) have gone through the MWP Summer Institute & each year the number of Eastern Kentucky students impacted by the NWP increases exponentially

We also provide:

- ✓ Ongoing professional development for our teachers and other educators
- ✓ Professional development opportunities and support for pre-service teachers
- ✓ Writing conferences for adult writers and teen writers
- ✓ Writing Camps for young writers

This year we started a Writing Studio which offers:

- ✓ Embedded tutoring support for developmental college writers, Early College writers (high school), and K-12 writers
- ✓ Mentoring and experience for pre-service teachers
- ✓ Classroom support and workshop modeling for practicing teachers

We also sponsor three learning communities in addition to the Summer Institute. All of these promote NWP methods of teaching writing which emphasize that any writing improvement must begin with the writer rather than the writing:

- ✓ SEED (Supporting Effective Educator Development) Grant for work in a High-Need School in Bath County
- ✓ Writing Studio Learning Community for our Peer Writers, Classroom Instructors, and MWP Leadership
- ✓ MWP Learning Community for MSU Faculty and Staff