

wits community



Since 1983, WITS has worked hand-in-hand with educators and professional writers to teach students the craft of writing. WITS revolutionizes the way reading and writing are taught, nurturing the growth of the imagination and awakening students to the adventures of language.

- ✦ Free writing workshops and public readings at parks, libraries, hospitals, and community centers for youth
- ✦ Leader of poetry movement in Houston

wits creative

WITS students develop critical thinking skills in fun and effective ways that teach the writing process in alignment with state standards. WITS summer camps nurturing storytelling, literacy, and creative learning for Houston youth.

- ✦ Largest literary arts organization in Texas
- ✦ Renowned creative writing summer camps, including 25-year partnership with Rice University



WITS improves student writing, confidence, test scores, and creative self-expression.

-UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
EVALUATION EXPERT

wits performance



WITS Performance encourages self-expression and literacy among Houston's youth. Professional poets work with teens, helping youth explore and express their truths through writing and performance workshops and culminating poetry slams.

- ✦ Meta-Four Houston slam team is #10 youth team at Brave New Voices
- ✦ Students develop their craft as writers, gain confidence, and improve public speaking skills

wits collaborative

Writers engage teachers in a cycle of writing experiences that include group writing, lesson planning, and classroom co-teaching. This job-embedded professional development model provides teachers with professional writers as coaches.

- ✦ Students and teachers see significant gains in writing and reading standardized tests



The WITS program has saved my life as a teacher

-11TH GRADE TEACHER

wits digital



WITS has implemented a new digital initiative in partnership with Histrionix Learning Company. WITS Digital is an innovative program that combines writing and game-based technologies, bridging the process of writing with that of game design.

- ✦ Digital portfolio for student games
- ✦ Game Jam/Story Slam for each class that includes access to National STEM Video Game Challenge

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The WITS Alliance is a professional network of 35 literary arts education programs and individuals who serve K-12 students and provide professional development for their teachers.

- ✦ Educational leader at Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference.