WRITERS IN THE SCHOOLS

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Writers in the Schools (WITS) brings innovative, specialized creative writing education to school, hospital, and community classrooms. While fostering collaboration between teachers and professional writers, WITS transforms literacy for 65,000 students and educators each year.

WITS offers TEKS-aligned, customizable in-school, after school, and summer programs.

CREATIVE

GRADES K-12
Creative writing workshops (bilingual option)
Arts-integrated cultural field trips available
Student publications through classroom anthology or portfolio
Nominated students share work at city-wide public readings

PERFORMANCE

GRADES 6-12
Performance poetry writing workshops
Program promotes self-confidence, civic engagement, community building, and collaboration
Student performance showcases
City-wide poetry slams and open mics

DIGITAL

GRADES 3-12
STEM and IB-aligned digital writing workshops
Students write and design their own video games, blogs, films, and other media
Workshops develop creative problem solving skills, collaboration, and digital media literacy
Interactive, hi-tech showcases and digital writing portfolios

COLLABORATIVE

TEACHERS
Research-based, job-embedded coaching for teachers through Professional Learning Communities
Training includes writing experiences, lesson planning, and co-teaching
6 hours of TAGT-approved credit and 12 hours of TEA-approved credit
Professional development is available for teachers and administrators

RECOGNITION AND PROVEN RESULTS

WITS was recently awarded the Jamail Innovation Award from the Houston Arts Alliance and a Creativity Connects grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For 20 years, Dr. Carl Scott of the University of St. Thomas has evaluated WITS program impact and found that students who participate in WITS perform better on standardized test scores than those who do not have WITS, improving essay quality and creativity.

To learn more about our programs or discuss how to bring WITS to your community, contact us via email: program@witshouston.org or call 713-523-3877