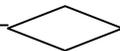


# Achieving Excellence in Writing

## Workshop: August 20-22, 2018

Learn to teach writing in a new and more effective way!

- **Provides tools for success in meeting curriculum competencies**
- **Establishes foundational skills for inquiry process**
- **Provides skills for planning, understanding, and generating informational and literary texts**
- **Encompasses critical, creative, and reflective thinking skills**
- **Dramatic improvement generates self-motivation**
- **Adaptable to any grade from Grade 3 to adult education**
- **Easy to teach, easy to learn**
- **Minimal preparation time**



This workshop is highly recommended for teachers who would like to improve the writing skills of their students. Students are motivated to write, given the tools to write well, and led to take ownership of their writing. The program begins with basic sentence structure, provides the tools to add variety, complexity, and interest to sentences, and moves on to teach paragraph writing and other structures. The workshop is practical, offering an extensive set of skills to take back to the classroom to use immediately.

The workshop will cover research reports from both single and multiple sources. Ways to help students select relevant information, create and organize an outline, and write effectively from the outline will be demonstrated. The process, along with the note-taking template that is used, simplifies report writing for

students, engages them in critical thinking skills, and results in excellent reports and essays.

The workshop also covers skills and structures for teaching creative writing. In addition to outlining and structuring stories and compositions, writing from pictures and writing poetry will be covered. Skills for creating a variety of sentence types and lengths will be taught. The stylistic techniques covered, coupled with clear structures, ensure students' writing becomes interesting and more effective.

Achieving Excellence in Writing works well for all students including ELL students and those who struggle with writing.

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### ***Teachers' Comments***

*"The best writing in-service I have ever experienced."*

*"The material is practical, looks simple to put into practice, and the resources are fantastic!"*

*"After 30 years of PD activities, this workshop is the first that kept me engaged for every hour."*

*"This is the best tool I've been given since I started teaching (25 years ago!)."*

*"Very well done! Can be used at almost all levels from Grade 2-12 and Adult Ed."*

*"Absolutely awesome and inspiring. I only wish I had received instruction for this program when I was a student."*

*"Thank you! I feel empowered! You have simplified my teaching year."*

*"Practical, interesting, and informative."*

*"Awesomely empowering!"*

*"A wonderful workshop, useful and enlightening!"*

*"Tangible anchors for students to use in a cross-curricular approach to writing."*

*"This is the best workshop I have ever attended. You have given us wonderful tools and you have inspired us."*

*"Wish I had done this 15 years ago!! Thank you, I loved your workshop. I am very excited to get going on all this for my students and my own children."*

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Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. August 20-22, 2017

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Registration fee: \$325 (\$100 deposit required)