

Improving the Quality of Student Writing

Does your students' writing lack voice? Organization? Is it flat and uninspired? *Improving the Quality of Student Writing* helps teachers begin to examine what is behind poor writing. This hands-on workshop begins by examining our assessment of student writing. It will explore how to look beyond poor spelling and grammar to recognize strengths and identify weaknesses. Throughout the day, participants will "try out" mini lessons that empower young writers to discover their voice and value their ideas.



This workshop will answer questions such as:

- How can we assess students' writing in a way that helps us to know what they need to learn as writers?
- What classroom structures best support writing growth and development?
- Which mini lessons are most effective in improving student writing pitfalls like organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and idea development?
- What can we do differently in our individual student conferences to affect stronger, more powerful writing?

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Date: Friday, October 15, 2010
Time: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Audience: Grades 3-8
Location: Western Suffolk BOCES
Division of Instructional Support Svcs
31 Lee Avenue, Wheatley Heights, NY 11798
Cost: \$100pp (A506 members)
\$150pp (non-members)

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- ⇒ Log onto www.mylearningplan.com
- ⇒ Click on the Western Suffolk BOCES Catalog link

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- ⇒ Select the course you'd like to enroll in
- ⇒ When ready, click the "Click to Enroll" button
- ⇒ Click MLP Users (Enter User Name & Password - Log in)
- ⇒ Enter personal registration information
- ⇒ Select payment method; click the "Next" button
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- ⇒ Print the confirming enrollment form
- ⇒ Scroll down and read the rest of the information on the final screen
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- ⇒ Highlight the program you'd like to search workshops in and "search catalog"
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