



WRITE YOUR OWN PATH FORWARD



NATIONWIDE IMPACT 2016-2017



32,350

STUDENTS SERVED

1,010

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

1,035

TEACHERS SERVED

1,705

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING SESSIONS

4,770

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

885

WRITING WORKSHOPS

OUR RESULTS

86%

of students in our creative writing workshops report feeling an increase in their confidence about writing.

91%

of after-school tutoring students say they keep working on a homework assignment even when it's hard.

95%

of parents say their child receives better grades in school with the help of 826.

99%

of teachers feel that 826 provides a safe place for their students.

826 National is assessing our students' writing progress with the Analytic Writing Continuum, a tool from the National Writing Project (NWP).

15%

Initial findings show that 826 programming results in writing skills increasing an average of 15% from a first to final draft.

How does it feel to be a published author?

"It honestly feels unreal. I feel as if nothing can stop me from achieving my goals."

-Michelle D., Grade 10, 826LA





826 NATIONAL amplifies the impact of both our national network of youth writing and publishing centers and the voices of our young authors. We serve as an international proof point for writing as a tool for young people to ignite and channel their creativity, explore identity, advocate for themselves and their community, and achieve academic and professional success. Currently, 826 is in 8 domestic cities and has over 50 826-inspired affiliates across the globe. Here in the U.S., we serve more than 32,000 under-resourced students ages 6 to 18 each year.

826 National

WHAT WE DO



Network Collaboration & Peer Learning Groups



Network-wide System Support



Research & Evaluation



Expansion



Resources for Teachers

The 826 Model

HOW WE DO IT

Culture of Creativity

826, by design, is a creative space that encourages students to experiment and take risks with writing, while simultaneously honoring diversity of opinion and experience.

Commitment to Fun

From creating miracle elixirs for baldness and Twitter handles for fairytale characters, students engage in interdisciplinary learning, using writing to enrich and expand upon their studies in school.

Project-Based Learning

Each year, the 826 Network publishes hundreds of pieces of student writing. In the process, students are placed in decision-making roles, developing critical thinking skills as they collaborate with instructors and peers.

Educator & Classroom Support

826 National aims to empower more educators by sharing our fresh approach and curricula through intuitive and captivating teaching resources. We accomplish this by bringing the 826 methodology and programming into the classroom, both in-person with the support of caring volunteers and through inspiring, easy-to-use educator resources such as *STEM to Story* and 826 Digital, our new pay-what-you-wish online platform for educators.

Volunteer & Community Involvement

Our dedicated corps of community members enable us to offer our students individualized attention, provide teachers with extra support in the classroom, and cultivate a welcoming and creative learning environment.

The Third Space

Each of 826's writing and tutoring centers serve as a safe space that is separate from school and home. All 826 centers welcome students through a storefront with an imaginative theme that works to remove perceived stigmas associated with going to a tutoring center. Our storefronts proudly sell student publications, allowing students to see the impact of their own work.

