



WRITE YOUR OWN PATH FORWARD



826 HELPS STUDENTS BECOME BETTER WRITERS.

This year, 826 National worked with the National Writing Project to score papers using the Analytic Writing Continuum. The scoring of student writing showed that engagement with 826 programming results in statistically significant increases across all six writing attributes. For example, writing skills increased an average of **15%** in content and **18%** in conventions between an early and later draft. This gain moved our students almost half a point closer to approximate grade level proficiency.

WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL WRITING LANDSCAPE LOOK LIKE FOR OUR STUDENTS?

Three out of four 12th grade students, and nine out of ten Hispanic and African American students in the United States do not perform at a grade-proficient level in writing (National Center for Education Statistics, 2012).

Studies also show that youth who cannot effectively convey thoughts and ideas through writing are more likely to receive lower grades, especially in classes where learning is assessed through projects and tests requiring written responses (Graham, 2006).

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE 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 NETWORK IMPACT 2017-2018

38,505

STUDENTS SERVED AT 826 NETWORK CHAPTERS

31,095

STUDENTS REACHED BY 826 DIGITAL

4,073

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

2,153

EDUCATORS SERVED BY CHAPTERS & 826 DIGITAL

1,087

SCHOOLS SERVED

993

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

WHERE WE ARE



OUR RESULTS

85%

OF STUDENTS ENGAGED IN OUR SIGNATURE PUBLISHING PROGRAM STATED THEY CAN USE WHAT THEY LEARNED ON OTHER WRITING ASSIGNMENTS.

85%

OF AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING STUDENTS SAY THEY KEEP WORKING ON HOMEWORK EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD.

94%

OF PARENTS OF AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING STUDENTS SAY THEIR CHILD RECEIVES BETTER GRADES IN SCHOOL WITH THE HELP OF 826.

100%

OF TEACHERS IN OUR FIELD TRIPS PROGRAMS BELIEVE THAT 826 PROVIDES A SAFE SPACE FOR THEIR STUDENTS.



826 NATIONAL amplifies the impact of both our national network of youth writing and publishing centers and the words 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 eight domestic cities and has inspired over fifty international affiliates. The 826 Network serves more than 60,000 students ages 6 to 18 each year at our chapters and online via 826 Digital.

WHAT WE DO



**Network Collaboration
& Peer Learning
Groups**



**Network-wide
System Support**



Research & Evaluation



Expansion



**Resources for
Teachers**

THE 826 METHOD

Culture of Creativity

Project-Based Learning & Publishing

Educator & Classroom Support

Commitment to Fun

The Third Space & Retail Stores

Volunteer & Community Involvement

WHY WE DO IT

Lights! Camera! Action!

by Destiny S., Age 16, 826michigan

Today, I am in the Big Apple. My dream is coming true. "It's time," says the stagehand.

Everybody is lining up and getting ready. My nerves are really bad and I just want it to be over. It's my moment! The biggest thing in my life is happening. I have come so far, when I wanted to give up on my gift.

My heart starts beating really fast. It feels like my heart is coming out of my chest. How can you tell me that I'm not ready when I know that my voice needs to be heard now!

But every moment has its own timing, and that timing wasn't then. Plus, when I hear "no," it doesn't mean give up, it means keep going to make your art even better.

When I start to sing, all of my fears are gone. All I have to do is trust and believe in myself.

