



FA FORWARDarts SPOKEN WORD POETRY RESIDENCY PROGRAM
2016-2017



“FORWARD ARTS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT ARTS EDUCATION CAN DO FOR OUR STUDENTS.”

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The WordPlay Writing Project is a part of Forward Arts, Inc. WordPlay builds literary culture and community among diverse teens through poetry workshops, spoken word events, publications and educator resources. We teach the craft of poetry and self-expression to teens and create spaces where young artistic and civic voices can be amplified.

The 2016-2017 school year marks the beginning of our 11th year of service in schools throughout Baton Rouge and South Louisiana. We look forward to continuing to be a force in positive youth development and arts-integrated programming in our community and your classroom.

What **STUDENTS** say about WordPlay:

“Wordplay has also helped me on the LEAP test because I am better at reading and understanding things.”

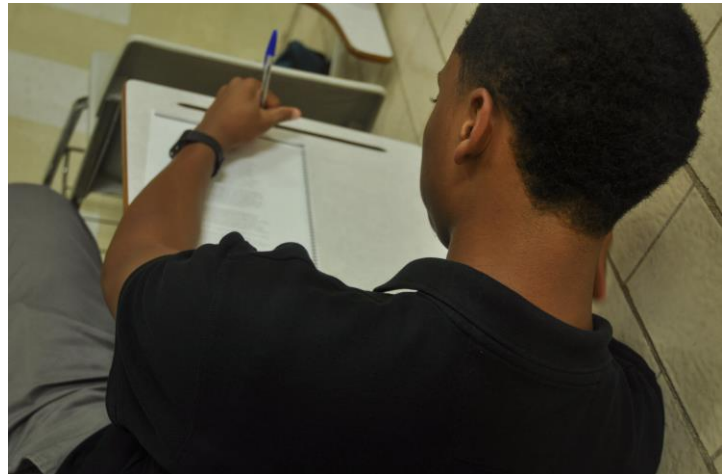
“We like hands on. We learn a lot differently by being hands on.”

“I learned how to express myself in a way that I can only do on paper.”

What **TEACHERS** say about WordPlay:

“As an educator, I honestly believe that WordPlay has played a significant role in my professional development. I am able to emulate very successful, positive methods of teaching that I may not otherwise have come up with myself.”

*“... In addition to the confidence and self-assurance WordPlay has helped my students find, I also believe there is a correlation between these writing workshops and test scores on performance indicators such as the End of Course Test. This year, I made a conscious effort to duplicate the types of workshops that WordPlay has created across the board in my English and my Creative Writing classes. I was astonished to find that 99% of my students scored a Good or an Excellent on the EOC test, and I **attribute** much of that success to the WordPlay poetry workshops I continued throughout the year with my students.”*





HOW TO BRING US TO YOUR CLASSROOM

We offer a variety of residency models which can be accommodated to suit your school's particular needs. FA residencies can be adapted to fit various grade levels, subject area(s) and lengths of duration.

Every single WordPlay workshop is **aligned with Common Core standards** and benchmarks and includes:

- *reading of classic and contemporary texts*
 - *discussion of literary texts*
 - *connecting texts to relevant life experiences*
 - *researching literary topics*
- *targeted vocabulary development*
- *writing for fluency and accuracy*
- *practice using specific literary devices, elements and forms*
- *opportunities to practice public speaking and listening skills*

We hold arts-integrated, youth-driven programming at our core. Our staff and teaching artists come from a variety of pedagogical, educational and professional backgrounds and participate in on-going professional development as both artists and teachers. We hope that this menu provides a basic idea of the services we offer as well as the commitment required to bring a WordPlay residency to your school.

If what you see doesn't quite fit your needs, we are happy to discuss designing a custom residency with your school team. Please don't hesitate to contact us with your residency orders, questions and comments.

We look forward to working with you and your students this year!



TEACHER IN-SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FA Partner Teachers can receive anywhere from 8-20 hours of in-service training and curriculum support from our Mentor Teaching Artists throughout the course of the residency. In its fullest form, our Partner Teacher support is designed to allow teachers to independently replicate WordPlay workshops in other classrooms.

OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE RESIDENCY

As a part of any WordPlay residency, our staff will work with your school team to extend the residency experience into additional **opportunities for every student at your school**, such as: participation in *WordCrew Youth Spoken Word Collective*, *Fresh Heat* open mics, our annual *All City Poetry Slam Festival*, *summer writing* programs and our annual *Cypher Day* writing conference.

Ways to bring Forward Arts to YOUR SCHOOL...



THE FULL RESIDENCY...

A Full Residency is designed to take greatest advantage of all the expertise, resources and support provided by Forward Arts and our mentor teachers to your faculty and students. With the full residency, your school will receive:

- a Forward Arts Teaching Artist In-Residence, conducting 20+ hours of instruction
- training in and copies of the entire Forward Arts residency curriculum (aligned with and linked to Common Core standards)

Duration: 1 school year

10 visits per semester/20 per year

Cost to School: \$5,000



BASIC RESIDENCY

This residency option is similar to the full residency, but modified to accommodate a lesser number of in-class workshops. As a part of this residency, your school will receive:

- a Forward Arts Teaching Artist In-Residence, conducting 14+ hours of instruction
- training in and copies of a condensed Forward Arts residency curriculum (aligned with and linked to Common Core standards)
- access (for the entire student body of your school) to opportunities outside the residency, such as Fresh Heat, WordCrew, and the All City Festival

Duration: 1 school year

7 visits per semester/14 per year

Cost to School: \$3,500*

PARTIAL RESIDENCY

This residency shares some of the features of the basic and full residencies, but is designed to accommodate only one semester of residence by our mentor teachers. With this residency, your school will receive:

- a Forward Arts Teaching Artist In-Residence, conducting 10+ hours of instruction
- access (for the entire student body of your school) to opportunities beyond the scope of the residency, such as Fresh Heat, WordCrew, and the All City Festival

Duration: 1 school year

5 visits per semester/10 per year

Cost to School: \$2500*

CUSTOMIZED RESIDENCY

If none of the listed residency options quite fits your needs, we would be delighted to talk with your school team about designing a customized residency. Please let us know about:

- your budget
- target grade/subject area(s)
- potential partner teacher(s)
- topics of interest

Duration: **Flexible**

Cost to School: Minimum rate of \$125*/visit + prep time and mileage (\$0.56/mi)

SAMPLE RESIDENCY

(first year schools only)

Duration: 3 visits for the entire school year

Cost to School: \$500

**For schools situated beyond the city of Baton Rouge, there may be fees associated with teaching artist travel to/from your school site. Final pricing of residencies may change based upon travel fees.*

Additionally, if you have any questions/concerns about the pricing of your residency, please contact us!

Note: Costs of residencies listed do not reflect total cost. Through donor and grant support, Forward Arts is able to offset the actual costs of residencies.

BRING FORWARD ARTS TO YOUR SCHOOL

Detach, fill out and return this sheet via email, fax, mail, or hand deliver

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If you have any questions about completing this form, or about your particular residency needs, please don't hesitate to contact us!

*For mid-semester/Spring residencies, this form must be completed and **received by Forward Arts** no later than **4 weeks from the desired start date** of your residency.

SCHOOL NAME :		
CONTACT PERSON (NAME & POSITION) :		
EMAIL:	PHONE:	
PRINCIPAL (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE) :		
PRINCIPAL'S MOST RELIABLE CONTACT INFO :		
SCHOOL PHONE : & FAX :	EMAIL :	MAILING ADDRESS :
BILL TO :		
SCHOOL WEBSITE :		

DESIGNATED PARTNER TEACHER(S)	PARTNER TEACHER GRADE LEVEL(S) & SUBJECT AREA(S)

How did you hear about Forward Arts?

FOR CUSTOM RESIDENCIES:

In order for us to design the most effective residency to fit your needs, please let us know more about:

- 1.) Your budget needs

- 2.) Your potential partner teacher (name, subject area, grade)

- 3.) Other information you'd like us to know