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envisioning a future where every person is an accomplished **writer**, engaged learner, and active **participant** in a digital world

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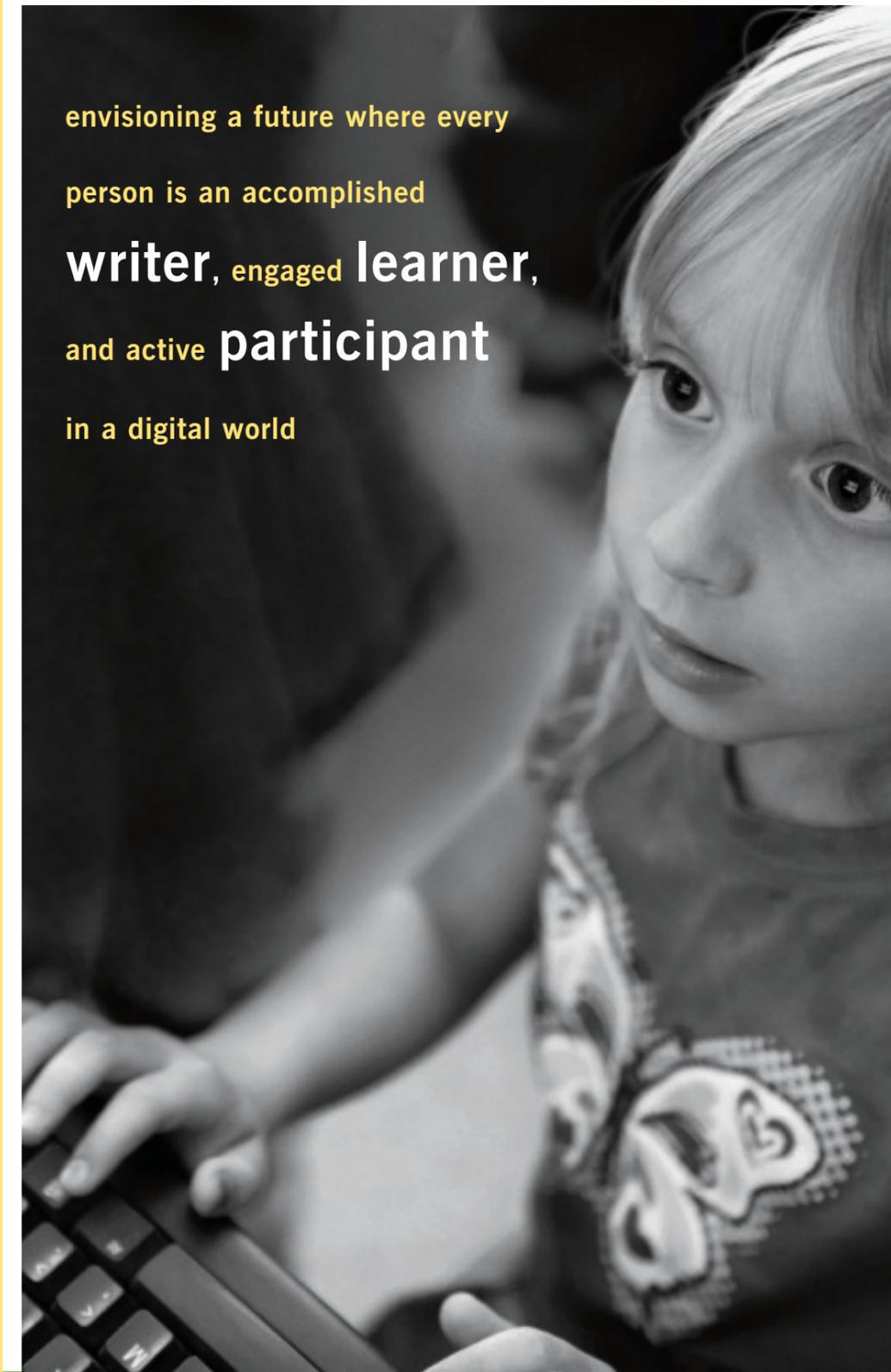
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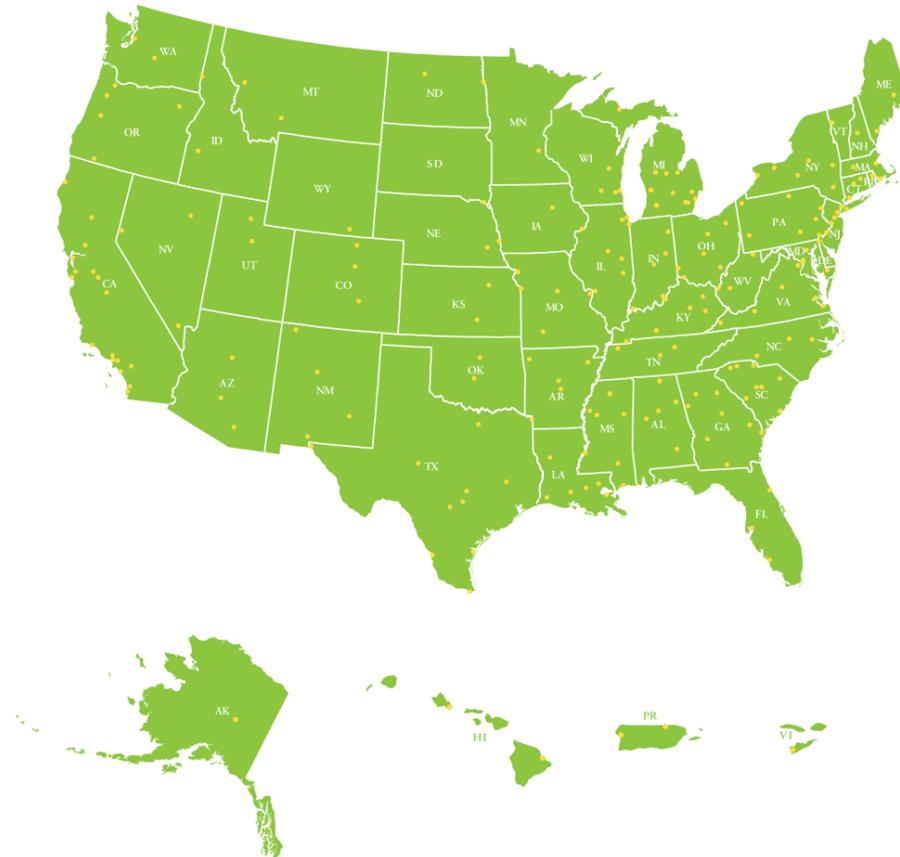


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# writing is essential

Writing is the currency of the new workplace and the global economy. It is essential to communication, learning, and citizenship in the digital age. Writing helps us convey ideas, solve problems, and understand our changing world. Writing is a bridge to the future.

**Our Mission** The National Writing Project focuses the knowledge, expertise, and leadership of our nation's educators on sustained efforts to improve writing and learning for all learners.



The nation's leading effort to improve writing and learning in the digital age

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### THE NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT IS IMPROVING WRITING.

At more than 200 university-based sites in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the National Writing Project:

- Serves teachers in all subject areas and at all grade levels, providing them with strategies to help students become accomplished writers and learners.
- Prepares teachers for local leadership through a four-week summer institute at each site. These teacher-leaders return to their schools and districts to conduct professional development programs that promote core principles of effective instruction.
- Conducts year-round programs and ongoing research to support practices that improve student achievement.

## our results

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** Research studies consistently demonstrate gains in writing performance among students whose teachers participate in NWP programs. Independent national scorings show that NWP students' improvement outpaces that of students in comparison groups.

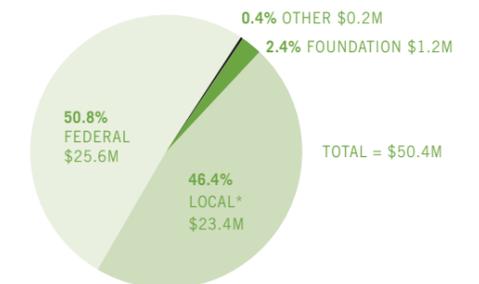
**TEACHER EXCELLENCE** NWP strengthens the profession of teaching. Teachers consistently report that the Writing Project summer institutes made them better teachers and had a lasting effect on their teaching practices. These educators are leading the teaching of writing in the digital age and translating their work into meaningful professional development for their colleagues.

## our reach

Since NWP began as a single site in 1974, **70,000** teacher-leaders have participated in intensive Writing Project institutes. These teachers have, in turn, educated **12 million** K-12 students and engaged **1.2 million** additional educators in communities across the country.

NWP's infrastructure fosters innovation to improve the teaching of writing across all subjects, and it enables the wide dissemination of knowledge and the scaling up of promising practices to address the most challenging issues in education.

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\*Local consists of funds from universities, states, and K-12 schools.

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out of 10 Americans believe that writing well is more important than it was 20 years ago.



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of Americans think schools should put more emphasis on teaching students to write well.

98%

of Americans say learning to write well is important to success in college.

