

NWP Recognized by NSDC

The NWP was recognized this year by the National Staff Development Council as one of the nation's top results-based staff development programs making a difference to middle grade students. The NWP is one of 26 programs—one of seven language arts programs—featured in, “What Works in the Middle: Results-Based Staff Development.”

Programs were selected using four main criteria: results in terms of student performance; a well-defined staff development program; content-specific staff development designed to improve middle-grade teachers' content knowledge and content skills; and occurring at multiple schools or within district, state, or regional areas.

NWP's effectiveness is summarized on page 52: “The National Writing Project provides efficient and effective staff development to teachers who wish to improve their students' performance in writing. As a long-standing program with rigorous, ongoing evaluation, the National Writing Project is a model of teacher-driven, focused staff development that can be altered to accommodate the specific needs of schools and district.”

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