

KidsWrite Program Overview



Literacy Driven Curriculum / Standards Aligned

The KidsWrite program teaches test sophistication skills that help raise standardized test scores. All our programming, curriculum, and session content are directly aligned to IRA/NCTE National Literacy, NYS ELA and NETS Standards. Our curriculum contains explicit test preparation instruction for grade and age appropriate ELA Standardized exams. Aside from the acquired reading and writing skills, KidsWrite programs teach productivity, goals and milestones, technology for a purpose, collaboration, project management, peer reviews, and much more.

Program Delivery

KidsWrite publishing team members are divided into core and complementary roles working in collaborative fashion on producing a single book title. The program is delivered over twelve instructor-guided sessions and segmented into four stages: **development stage, design & review stage, proof & publishing stage** and culminating with the **publishing party stage**.

Session 1 - Introduction and Brainstorming

Session 2 - Teaming Up

Session 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Content Development

Session 7 and 8 - Editing and Refinement

Session 9 and 10 - Production and Publicity

Session 11 - Proofreading and Party Preparation

Session 12 - Book Release - Celebrating Our Achievements

Instructor Guided / PD

KidsWrite offers training and certification of your schools designated instructor. (In some area KW can provide program facilitation). Continued Professional Development is built into the program. The professional development curriculum will enable participants to employ cooperative learning principals that will help students develop deep understanding in the content areas

Publishing Teams

Publishing requires many roles and responsibilities. As a core team of writers, illustrators, editors, and publishers, the participants follow a literacy-grounded ten step writing process, to develop a perfectly bound, ISBN assigned book in full color. Complementary roles include publicists, party planners, cover designers, library connectors, photographers and many others.

Real-World Technology Tools (KidsCafe)

KidsWrite team members are introduced to various web technologies in the creation and preparation of their books using the **KidsCafe**. The content creating applications that students utilize while communicating, sharing, and collaborating in class or online with their team members, distant peers, or instructors are geared towards enhancing productivity and communication skills. Most importantly by using the KidsCafe as a learning tool that is well integrated into the publishing process, it helps infuse students with the technology proficiency skills that are necessary to thrive in the technology-driven, 21st century workplace.

Pre-Press Services

KidsWrite provides the technical and literary support to ensure that all published books are of professional quality in appearance and content. Prior to going to press, all submitted titles go through our pre-press department for professional review, edit, and polish. This process includes: a review of the manuscript by content, line, and copy editors, stock image acquisition, cover and book layout design, digital proofing, and then back to the students for proof review and sign off. From cover to cover KidsWrite provides the student team with a real-world publishing experience.

Publishing On Demand

We publish books in a variety of sizes, both soft and hard cover in perfect bound or saddle stitched formats. All our printings are done on the Xerox iGen3™ 110 digital production presses using the highest quality paper in b & w or vivid color. All student produced titles are digitally stored for future production and on-demand ordering by family, friends through the kidswrite.com bookstore.

Book Release Party

The culmination of the program is a publishing party celebration together with proud family members, friends, and community leaders. The book launch party features student author readings, reflecting, honorary presentations, book signing, book promotion and more. It might also include a guest adult published author.