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Eastern Illinois Writing Project Impact
Fact Sheet

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Eastern Illinois Writing Project

The Eastern Illinois Writing Project, located on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois since 2008, supports a yearly Summer Institute, professional development activities for EIWP teachers, and in-service programming for area schools. For the past three summers, teachers from area school districts, seasoned coaches, and a director and co-director developed thoughtful research projects, created personal writing samples, and demonstrated practical writing across the curriculum lesson applications.

After three Summer Institutes...

- One teacher received \$61,000 from a grant proposal drafted during the Summer Institute
- Three teachers developed Literacy Empowerment Groups in their schools
- One teacher designed a high school Writing Center
- Twenty teachers presented demonstrations at local Regional Office of Education Institutes
- fifty teachers from our two Summer Institutes presented their work at a Fall Back-to-School Conferences
- One teacher taught a cumulative 126 teachers about the ISAT writing assessment
- Three university faculty members taught a cumulative 200 teachers about the Common Core Standards, writing assessment, writing centers, literacy empowerment groups, writer's workshop, and writing to learn.
- Twenty teachers received grant money to implement programs in their schools and districts:
 1. a series of book study groups,
 2. a mythbusters program for science teachers,
 3. a writing conference for middle school students and teachers at three schools,
 4. a writing across the curriculum program at an elementary school,
 5. a literacy mentor program for kindergarten and fourth grade,
 6. creative writing clubs for middle school students,
 7. writing across the curriculum programs at jr. and sr. high schools,
 8. digital literacy and diversity programs
 9. four ongoing writer's workshop programs for middle school students
 10. a community-school writing program
 11. three journalism programs for high school teachers
- We facilitated writing curriculum development at one district and one middle school in the region
- We serve the region with Saturday professional development seminars

EIWP has future plans to ...

- Increase professional development for area teachers through long-term writing workshop series
- Present tested, successful writing curriculum
- Develop community outreach programs for parents
- Continue researching teaching challenges
- Offer cultivated expertise to colleagues and administrators

We need our Legislators to...

- Sign the National Writing Project House or Senate Dear Colleague Letter
- Continue funding the NWP at the National level
- Support educational programs that improve writing and recognize the widespread positive impact of NWP research to help design educational legislation.

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