



Downey High School Writing Center



Teacher Information

What is the Writing Center?

- The Writing Center is a space where writers of all levels will be able to talk about and work through their writing assignments with a peer tutor.
- The Writing Center offers the following services **either in-person or online.**
 - **One-on-one tutorials (30 minutes)**
 - Students can get help with anything ranging from a paragraph to a full essay to a Google Slides presentation.
 - **Partner tutorials (30 minutes)**
 - If students are working on a single assignment together, students may come in together to work with a tutor.
 - **Skill-based workshops (30-45 minutes)**
 - Taught by English teachers and college tutors, these workshops help students with specific skill sets (e.g. thesis statements, organization, transitions, etc.) rather than a specific assignment.
- The Writing Center strives to create better writers in the long term; therefore, it is not a space where students simply get their drafts edited by tutors.

How do students sign up for a tutorial?

- Visit our [website](#) or Downey.MyWCOnline.com for more information on how to sign up for in-person and live online tutorials.

What should students bring?

- Students should bring their laptops with their teacher's assignment plus whatever additional materials they need depending on where they are in the writing process.
- Teachers are encouraged to e-mail copies of assignments and rubrics to Kelly Crespo, so tutors can preview them ahead of time. This is particularly helpful if many of your students will be visiting the writing center with the same assignment.

Will tutors edit my students' papers for them?

- No. Tutors will first look at higher-order concerns (thesis, organization, purpose, development) and guide students towards addressing those issues.
- Tutors can also show students how to address lower-order concerns (run-ons, word choice, fragments, etc) by teaching students how to fix the issue and then having the student apply that knowledge to his/her own paper.

How will I know if my student attended the Writing Center?

- Students will receive an e-mail confirmation that they attended the writing center.

Please e-mail Kelly Crespo at KCrespo@dusd.net for more information. We look forward to working with your students this year!

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