

The Writing Pathways Initiative: 2022-23 School Recruitment Overview

1. What is our plan for the 2022-23 school year?

- **July and August 2022:**
 - WPI team worked with a small group of teachers to create an initial test pathway based on research and data from last year
 - WPI team began recruiting teachers to participate in the study during the 2022-23 school year
- **September 2022:** Teachers begin testing initial pathway in their classrooms
- **October 2022 - June 2023:** Teachers and researchers refine initial pathway in professional learning communities

2. What are our expectations of teachers who participate during the 2022-23 school year?

We are recruiting a mix of treatment and control group teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

Treatment Group Teacher Responsibilities

- Administer pre- and post-tests for a designated focus class, September and May (teachers will not score the essays)
- Implement the pathway in the focus class during the school year
- Complete a brief (2-3 minute) survey about writing instruction in the focus class **each day**
- Participate in Learning Communities (facilitated discussions about implementing and improving the pathway)
 - Meetings will be held 6 times per year (approximately every 6-8 weeks) for approximately one hour
 - Some meetings will include only school based colleagues, while others will be larger configurations of participants from multiple schools
- Designate one teacher as the school team's lead
 - The school lead will be our point of contact for communication and scheduling

Control Group Teacher Responsibilities

- Administer pre- and post-tests for a designated focus class, September and May (teachers will not score the essays)
- Complete a brief (2-3 minute) survey about writing instruction in the focus class **once each week**

3. What will participating teachers receive from us?

Treatment Group Teachers

- \$2,000 honorarium for each teacher (\$2,500 for lead teacher or \$1,000 for coordinator who is not a teacher)
- The Pathway (a roadmap for writing instruction for the year)
- Resources for implementing the Pathway
 - Explanations and examples to support instruction for the more complicated aspects of the pathway
 - Office hours with the WPI team
- The chance to learn from one another in Learning Communities
 - We will share our successes and challenges throughout the year via regularly scheduled meetings in order to learn with and from each other, and improve the Pathway so it becomes an even more powerful tool for teachers

Control Group Teachers

- \$450 honorarium for each teacher
- Opportunity to participate in the program next year (receive treatment)

4. How many schools and teachers should participate?

- 4-6 schools per district
 - 3-5 teachers per school, 7th-10th grade teachers (ideally 8th-10th if possible)
- Mix of treatment and control schools within each district (treatment and control schools should be demographically similar)