

School Year 2021-2022

TO: English Department Chair or Instructor, AVID Coordinator and to whom it may concern

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RE: Inland Area Writing Project: **High School Outreach Program**
*College Reading and Writing Readiness through the lens of the Analytical Writing
Placement Exam*

Over the past twenty-eight years, the Inland Area Writing Project (IAWP) has successfully operated its High School Outreach Program. The goal is to help schools and instructors prepare students for the rigors of academic reading and writing by using the UC's Analytical Writing Placement Examination (AWPE) as a lens.

In this program, high school juniors take a practice Analytical Writing Placement Exam which is then assessed analytically by University of California professionals teaching college-level composition courses. Students receive **personalized analytical feedback on their essay** as well as individualized recommendations for further improvement. This experience culminates in a **one-hour (online ZOOM) synchronous presentation to the students' classroom** to review the results of the exams and to offer feedback for meeting college-level expectations for reading and writing competence.

The High School Outreach experience can be highly beneficial to students, teachers, and university instructors alike, particularly when we work with high-school juniors. **It is important to note that the focus of this program is not to prepare students for a test.** We concentrate our effort on high-school juniors so that they will have a full year of study and practice before attending a college writing course or taking actual placement tests. At the same time, this program helps students improve their reading and writing skills as well as do better on timed writings in their high school classes.

In 2022 our High School Outreach Program will be different than years past due to safety considerations for the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, everything will be organized based on standards of highest quality of service to the students and teachers of our area.

A. The following are the specific aspects of the 2022 HSO program:

- Students will complete the essay in two one-hour class sessions using Google Docs in a specific document that our office will issue for them. Their essay will be evaluated by a UCR professional with experience in teaching college-level composition courses, who will provide analytical feedback and recommendations for improvement on the each student's Google Doc.

- Students will also be able to attend a ZOOM synchronous presentation with our HSO Consultant for additional information about writing on demand and college-level expectations for reading and writing.
- The cost of service per classroom (up to 35 students) is **\$450.00**: this fee covers the evaluation of up to 35 student essays from a single classroom.

B. How to schedule and register for the 2022 HSO Program:

- Each teacher needs to submit one online registration form for all the class(es) they would like to register. Only one registration form is required per teacher.
- Student papers must be completed through Google Docs **at least two weeks prior** to the teacher's first preferred schedule date.
- There will be a \$30 rescheduling/cancellation fee for each class. If cancellation occurs on behalf of the school after the IAWP consultant has graded the student exams, the school/district will need to pay the full amount of \$450/class.
- On the registration form the teacher needs to provide a district contact person and/or purchase order number. The IAWP office will send the district the information for processing payment. **If our office does not receive this information and/or purchase order number by the deadline date, we will have to cancel the visitation.**
- The following is the registration deadline, but please register as soon as possible, so we can send you or the teachers all necessary materials:

▫ **April 1st, 2022**

TO REGISTER USE THE LINK BELOW:

https://ucriverside.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8GHh1soyNIr08Hs

For further information, please contact our office at (951) 827-3666 or iawp@ucr.edu.

We look forward to a new or continuing rewarding partnership!