Flexible writing tools for wherever you are

Whether you are teaching in the school building or remotely this fall, Writer’s Key can support you and your students.

Work with researchers and other ELA teachers like you to study an innovative online instructional tool and professional development program to support middle school students in writing.

 Participating teachers will help CAST study our Writer’s Key tool and accompanying professional development to support teachers in teaching writing to all students. Writer’s Key is an online writing environment built on the principles of Universal Design for Learning and aligned with state and national writing standards. Half of the participating teachers will be randomly assigned to use the Writer’s Key online tool and accompanying professional development supports and the other half will conduct their typical writing instruction.

If you participate in the study, you will receive a stipend for your effort and will have the option of earning university graduate credit paid for by CAST.

Writer's Key offers flexible supports for students in the writing process
What will you be expected to do?

Participating teachers assigned to use Writer’s Key will:

- incorporate the Writer’s Key online tool as a part of your regular ELA instruction
- participate in professional development modules
- participate in approximately 1-2 hours each month in Community of Practice sessions outside classroom hours

All participating teachers will:

- participate in interviews to share ideas, thoughts, analysis and recommendations
- allow CAST researchers to observe your participating ELA classes
- assist in providing researchers with student demographic information
- coordinate with CAST researchers for administration of pre, post tests and interviews
- disseminate and collect parent letters of informed consent (permission to participate)

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