

## Options for Creating Professional Learning Communities Based on Writing Instruction

Description	Purpose	Participants
Small School Clusters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Calibrate &amp; score PWA papers</li> <li>*Discuss data/grade level patterns that emerged in the writing</li> <li>*Make connections with other same grade level teachers</li> <li>*Meet regularly/semi-regularly to collaborate/share materials &amp; strategies</li> </ul>	Small school teachers
BAWP Middle School Mini Conference Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Use protocols for looking at student work in grade level teams</li> <li>*Learn how to teach features of PWA rubrics</li> <li>*Connect with colleagues teaching the same grade</li> </ul>	All language arts teachers, especially small school teachers
Language Arts Department Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Look at PWA data for trends across and within grade levels</li> <li>*Strategize about how genres &amp; features of writing will be covered across grade levels</li> <li>*Communicate about what assessments are happening in which grade levels</li> <li>*Collaborate around instruction</li> </ul>	Everyone in Language Arts Department at a school site
Language Arts Grade Level Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Look at PWA data/data from other common writing assessments</li> <li>*Create common writing assessments</li> <li>*Analyze results, collaborate around instruction</li> </ul>	Same grade level language arts teachers at a school site
Cross Curricular Grade Level Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Use protocols to look at student writing across the curriculum</li> <li>*Look at data, decide on grade level writing focus</li> <li>*Share/review grade level writing standards w/non language arts teachers</li> <li>*Help one another create standards based assignments/assessments</li> </ul>	Same grade level colleagues who teach different disciplines

### **Tools/Resources:**

- Protocol for looking at data/student work
- Bay Area Writing Project Consultants
- Bay Area Writing Project/OUSD Middle School Writing Conference Series
- Jeanie Griffith and Stephanie Travaille
- Release time/common prep times for language arts teachers
- [www.oaklandwrites.org](http://www.oaklandwrites.org)