



# You have the power to inspire the next generation of writers.

At 826 Boston, students find a warm and welcoming place full of support and creativity. Volunteers are a big part of the meaningful impact that 826 Boston has on the lives of our young authors. Join us for a morning field trip or a year-long book project and be a part of something transformative for students and volunteers alike.



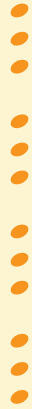
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# The need for 826 Boston

Writing is a fundamental skill for success in school and in the workplace.

By the time they reach  
**6<sup>th</sup> grade**,  
students from middle-class families have likely spent  
**6,000 MORE**  
**hours learning**  
than kids born into poverty.



**3** out of **4**  
**12<sup>th</sup> graders**  
are **not** writing  
at grade level proficiency;  
that number **increases** to  
**9** out of **10**  
for students of color.

826 Boston tackles the opportunity gap by providing creative, challenging, and effective support for students—all fueled by a dedicated and talented base of volunteers.

## How We Make a Difference

All of 826 Boston's programs provide tutoring support to students, and encourage them to develop their writing skills, explore their imaginations, and tell their stories. Offered to families and students free of charge, 826 Boston's programs take place in partner Boston public schools and in our center in Roxbury's Egleston Square.

Since 2007, 826 Boston has engaged more than 3,000 volunteers to work with more than 20,000 students in the city of Boston to improve their writing skills and tell their stories.





# Here are a few ways your team can get involved:

## Volunteer with students...

- *During the day* in our sponsored Writers' Rooms throughout Boston
- *After work*, during after-school and evening tutoring sessions
- *Once every year*, during College Essay Boot Camp
- *As a team*, during 826 Boston's one-of-a-kind field trips



## Share your skills...

- Edit student manuscripts, in person or remotely
- Illustrate student book covers
- Share expertise in your field during vacation-week workshops



## Join our event teams...

- At the annual Half Half Half Half Half Marathon
- At our Book Release Parties
- At Books for Breakfast and Night of 1,000 Stories fundraisers

## Donate corporate resources...

- Employee Giving and Employer Matching
- Event Sponsorship
- Book Drives and In-Kind Donations
- Scholarships and Grant programs
- Adopt a Writers' Room
- Host a Brown-Bag Lunch at your office



## Want to do more?

Contact [volunteer@826boston.org](mailto:volunteer@826boston.org) and we'll work one-on-one to create a personalized 826 Boston partnership experience.



**“My hand is ready  
with a pencil  
to start a new future.”**

- Rebecca L.

## **826 Boston**

is a nonprofit youth writing and publishing organization that empowers traditionally underserved students ages 6-18 to find their voices and gain the communication skills to succeed in school and in life.

**Because we believe that every student has a story to tell.**

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