

About 826 Boston



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

Every student has a story to tell

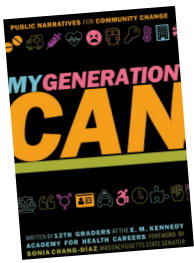
826 Boston trains volunteer tutors to provide individualized writing support to students, collaborates with teachers on project-based learning opportunities, and publishes student writing in professionally designed books.

826 Boston is one of nine chapters in a national network of youth writing centers co-founded by author Dave Eggers and educator Nínive Calegari serving 40,000 students annually.

What we do

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.

- After-School Writing and Tutoring
- Writers' Rooms
- Storytelling and Bookmaking Field Trips
- College essay assistance
- Professional publishing projects
- Creative Writing Workshops
- Support for English Language Learners



“This book is a powerful ode to the power, intelligence, and capacity of young people around us. May their words re-center us to the foundational commitments we owe to one another — and ignite in all of us the courage to turn our ideals into action today.”



An 826 Boston Young Authors' Book Project brought students to the State House, where they delivered advocacy letters.

—State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, in the foreword to *My Generation Can*, a collection of social change narratives written by seniors at the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers

Why writing?

Strong writing skills are critical for future success, but many educators do not have the resources or training that they need to effectively teach writing skills in their classrooms. Three out of four 12th graders are not writing at grade-level proficiency; that number increases to nine out of ten for students of color.

826 Boston provides students across the city with targeted writing support and publishing opportunities. When students' writing is shared and celebrated, it sends the important message that their stories and voices matter.

Impact

Since opening its doors in 2007, 826 Boston has worked with more than 25,000 students and 350 teachers.

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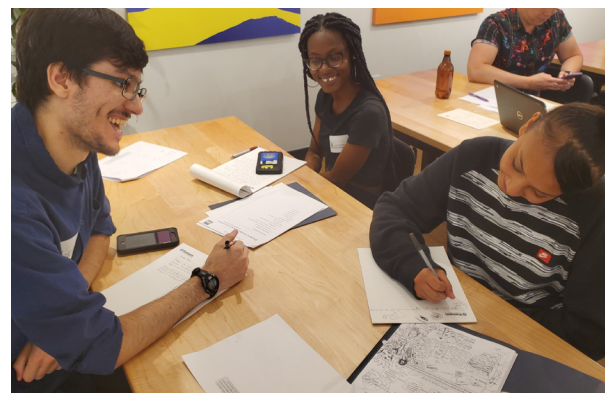
of teachers report an increase in the quality of their students' writing.

98%

of parents report that their child is more confident doing schoolwork and better able to work independently.

91%

of published authors reported pride and confidence in their writing.



Individualized writing support drives 826 Boston's impact.

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