

EXPLICIT WRITING IN
K-12



edcamp

EVENT SUMMARY

Session Overview

On **September 26, 2023**, the Telescope Network hosted a virtual Edcamp on the topic “What explicit teaching moves support our students in becoming engaged and empowered writers?” We had **13** people attend the session from **10** different schools/departments across BPS.



What is an Edcamp?

Edcamps are “an innovative form of training with no predetermined speakers or sessions, led by the participants themselves.” Participants create the session topics at the start of the event based on their interests and questions. Participants learn new practices while connecting, and sharing expertise with others in the room.

Credits
2.5 PD hrs

Why this topic?

This session topic was identified as part of the Telescope Network Spring 2023 needs assessment.

Discussion Topics

Differentiating Writing Tasks

[Notes from Breakout Room 1A](#)

[Notes from Breakout Room 2A](#)

Building Effective & Engaging Writing Routines

[Notes from Breakout Room 1B](#)

[Notes from Breakout Room 2B](#)

Empowering Student Writers Across Content Areas

[Notes from Breakout Room 1C](#)

[Notes from Breakout Room 2C](#)

Foundational Skills: phonics/encoding/etc

[Notes from Breakout Room 1D](#)

Participant Feedback

After the session, **83%** of participants (10 out of 12 exit ticket responses) said that they would recommend this session to a colleague. Additional comments from participants:

- “Enjoyed the ability to hear from teachers across the district. I enjoyed the format and the ability for teachers' voices to be heard.”
- “Co- constructive discussions- no experts only people willing to share their knowledge, ideas and tips
- cross-school collaboration!”
- “Everyone contributed and we actually learned from everyone!”

Participant Takeaways

Based on this session, here's some things that participants want to try in their own classrooms/schools:

- “Lots of great ideas shared in breakout rooms from a variety of schools/grades/disciplines”
- “Introduced to new resources”
- “Writing techniques for beginners the effective ways kids learned.”

- “Tips on how to encourage a reluctant writer.”
- “Hearing from other teachers about their tips and tricks for differentiating writing!”

Next Steps

- [Telescope Events Calendar](#): Join us for future PD sessions and/or future social events.

Additional Resources

Event facilitators: [Garcie Champagne](#) & [Catherine Stoddard](#). Visit the [event webpage](#) or [bostonpublicschools.org/telescope](#) for more information. Email us at telescope@bostonpublicschools.org.

Slides [Explicit Writing Edcamp](#)

Flyer [Explicit Writing- Edcamp Flyer](#)

