

Youth 10-minute Playwriting Festival PDF

AWP has partnered with Ben Franklin High School in Baltimore City to bring a dynamic arts education program to its juniors and seniors. This exciting opportunity to partner with BFHS will work to augment English literacy studies and provide an opportunity to use the arts as a meaningful form of expression. This is a 6-month residency that brings teaching artists to lead up to 25 students through the process of writing and producing 10-minute plays.

Program Objectives

The 10-minute playwright festival program is geared towards high school juniors and seniors who participate in and show interest in the arts. In addition, the following objectives will be pursued:

- The 6-month program will give students the opportunity to be immersed in all aspects of writing and producing a play from conception to production.
- The program will augment English literacy, further their interests in pursuing the performing arts in their college careers and allow them to learn collaboration skills and effective teamwork and communication strategies.
- The program will complement and provide practical application of the knowledge students receive in a classroom setting and give students an opportunity to participate in activities that they enjoy.
- As a co-curricular activity, it will require students to think critically, solve problems, manage time, work as a team, and grow as an individual.

Academic Benefits

Strong literacy skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking are critical to career and college success in the 21st century. The 10-minute playwriting festival program aligns with current state standards for high school juniors and seniors.