

# INTERBORO SUMMER LEARNING 2021



## PHILLY YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS PRESENTS: SUMMER PLAYWRITING RESIDENCY



Join a community of writers interested in exploring playwriting and theater-making. Over the course of the program, a professional theatre artist will guide students through the process of brainstorming, writing, and sharing a monologue and three scene play. Maybe you'd like to write a sci-fi or fantasy, use playwriting to advocate for a theme or topic that's important to you, or set out to write a hilarious comedy - what you'd like to write is up to you! So, whether you've never written a play before, or you're an experienced playwright, this program filled with community and creativity is here to support you.

Each workshop will consist of a blend of theatre activities, explorations of theatre fundamentals, writing time, and community building. There will be lots of opportunities to share your work and receive feedback from your peers and the facilitator. On the last day of the program, you'll have the opportunity to perform an excerpt from your play for a virtual audience of family and friends.

### **Students who participate in the program will:**

- Stretch their creativity
- Practice their writing skills
- Flex their problem-solving abilities
- Learn how to give and receive feedback
- Experience the impact of their words and ideas on an audience

### **Some of the Program's Key Outcomes**

Our program, which engages students in writing that is both meaningful and authentic, promotes literacy skills, as well as other key skills such as critical thinking. Playwriting emphasizes literacy concepts that are central to the literacy curriculum: author, audience, purpose, and point of view.

Teachers share that students gain a deeper understanding of the writing process, particularly revision. Further, students share that they gain increased motivation and confidence as writers. The lessons learned throughout our playwriting program go far beyond the lessons of playwriting, however. Students garner life lessons such as a deeper understanding of themselves and others, a broadened and more complex grasp of their school and other communities and even the world at large, a sense of agency and responsibility, and a new or renewed realization that one's voice has value and can move, inspire, raise awareness, or bring about change.

### **About Philadelphia Young Playwrights**

Philadelphia Young Playwrights' mission is to tap the potential of youth and to inspire learning through playwriting. Driven by our core belief that every young person has an important voice that is worth hearing, our programs support the advancement of critical academic and literacy skills, cultivate critical workforce development skills, and maximize students' capacity to engage in and direct their own learning through creative writing, collaborative revision, and exposure to professional theater. *For more information, please visit [phillyyoungplaywrights.org](http://phillyyoungplaywrights.org).*

*"I would recommend Young Playwrights to a friend because it is a good way to let your imagination run free and help you develop the knowledge of what your mind is capable of doing." - Former Young Playwrights student*

### Information

**Date: July 6-28, 2021 {M-W}**

**Time: Choose between 9:00-10:30 OR 10:30-12:00**

**Cost: Free – funded through ESSER III grant**

**Who: Students entering grades 7-9**

**Location: Interboro High School**

**Registration: <https://forms.gle/pgNYPfRzsDd35HPV9>**

