

Composition (IEW) 2022-2023

ZOOM ONLINE CLASSES/TUTORING

Introductory Composition / Grades 2-4 / TBA / 24 weeks

Elementary Composition / Grades 4-6 / Tuesdays 2-3pm / 24 weeks

Intermediate Composition / Grades 6-8+ / Fridays 11am-12pm / 30 weeks

Advanced Composition / Grades 8-10+ / TBA / 30 weeks

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School-year classes / 6-week sessions

Elementary / Introductory IEW calendar (24 weeks)

- Session 1: Week of August 29 – week of October 10 (minus Labor Day week)
- Session 2: Week of October 17 – week of November 28 (minus Thanksgiving week)
- Session 3: Week of January 23 – week of February 27 (followed by 2-week spring break)
- Session 4: Week of March 20 – week of April 24

Intermediate / Advanced IEW calendar (30 weeks)

- Session 1: Week of August 29 – week of October 10 (minus Labor Day week)
- Session 2: Week of October 17 – week of November 28 (minus Thanksgiving week)
- Session 3: Week of January 9 – week of February 13
- Session 4: Week of February 20 – week of April 10 (minus weeks of 3/6 and 3/13 spring break)
- Session 5: Week of April 17 – week of May 22

ALL IEW COMPOSITION CLASSES:

- Yearlong classes; no mid-year enrollment
- Maximum 12 students
- Register online through WWPL children's department or with instructor.
- Enrollment in any session is not complete until paid in full. *(See individual class descriptions for class fees.)* You may pay this instructor directly via PayPal or Venmo. *All fees as shown. If client prefers to use the "Goods & Services" option for PayPal or Venmo, client accepts responsibility for calculating any additional fees to ensure accurate fee payment to instructor.*
- **One-time non-refundable \$10 supplies/services fee due upon initial enrollment**
- Each session payment is due 1 week before the session begins. Payments made after first day of class (any session) are subject to a \$10 late fee *per week*.
- Curriculum purchases are to be made separately. *(See individual class descriptions for info.)*

Class summary. These writing classes are founded on the concepts **taught in the Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW) program by Andrew Pudewa.** The IEW program teaches structure and style: *structure* to develop organizational skills, and *style* to allow for individuality and creativity. The high-interest source materials for these classes have been chosen to launch the imagination and enthusiasm of elementary, middle school, and high school students. *Grade-appropriate source materials are provided.*

In the **intro and elementary** classes, writing during the class period is typically limited to crafting keyword outlines, brainstorming applicable descriptive details, and working through periodic worksheets to support new stylistic or structural elements. **Intermediate** students can expect to do more in-class writing toward the end of the year, and **advanced** students will write during class more frequently. Occasionally, all students have the opportunity to read aloud from their compositions. The last week of each semester is usually reserved for an engaging and constructive review activity.

Wild and Wondrous

This year the intro, elementary, and intermediate classes will be writing about curious creatures, peculiar events, and eccentric historical figures. We'll also craft some of our own, sometimes wacky versions of familiar stories. The advanced class typically explores a similar but wider range of subject-matter.

Although these writing classes may use literature as a springboard for various lessons and will regularly address practical grammar and usage, none is designed to function as or replace a literature or grammar course.

Note that there is a bit of overlap in the targeted grade span of each class. If you have a 4th grader or 6th grader, for example, you can enroll him down or up depending on experience or confidence level. Please ask if you need assistance determining the most appropriate class for your child, especially with regard to the advanced class.

Introductory IEW/Grammar (grades 2-4) TBA — 60-minute class; 24 weeks

- *This is an ungraded class.*
- Typing and midweek submissions via MS Word or Google Docs are required.

The introductory IEW class for grades 2-4 features the following:

- Most of the weekly writing assignments are limited to 1 short paragraph; you may expect 1-2 hours of homework each week.
- Students engage in abundant group in-class preparation for individual written work — outlining, brainstorming stylistic elements and material for topic sentences, and so on.
- As far as structural elements, we cover IEW units 1-5, and touch on units 6 and 7.
- Of the IEW stylistic elements, we will address all the basic dress-ups and just one sentence opener. We may explore a variety of decorations (including dialog and similes, for example).
- We'll delve into narrative, report, and essay writing. Most assignments will be of 1 paragraph. Students will work up to some finished compositions of 3 paragraphs.
- *Students will learn some basics of MLA formatting.*

This introductory IEW class is best suited for students in 2nd-4th grade who

- Can read aloud and to themselves with or without assistance
- May have limited experience with grammatical concepts, but are acquainted with nouns, verbs, and adjectives
- Can usually recognize a complete sentence as beginning with a capital letter and ending with punctuation, with or without parental help
- Can copy notes from the whiteboard

Elementary IEW Composition (grades 4-6) Tuesdays 2-3pm — 60-minute class; 24 weeks

- *This is an ungraded class.*
- Typing and midweek submissions via MS Word or Google Docs are required.
- Student email address is recommended for timely receipt of corrections from teacher.

The elementary IEW class for grades 4-6 features the following:

- Most of our weekly writing assignments are limited to 1 or 2 paragraphs; you may expect 2-3 hours of homework each week.
- Students engage in abundant group in-class preparation for individual written work — outlining, brainstorming stylistic elements and material for introductions and conclusions, and so on.
- As far as structural elements, we'll cover IEW Units 1-7, and parts of Unit 8.
- Of the IEW stylistic elements, we will address all the basic dress-ups and most of the sentence openers. In addition, we'll look at an assortment of decorations (including literary devices).
- We'll delve into narrative, report, and essay writing. Most assignments will be of 1 paragraph. Students will work up to some finished compositions of 3-4 paragraphs.
- *Students will learn the basics of MLA formatting.*

This elementary IEW class is best suited for students in 4th-6th grade who

- Can read aloud and to themselves
- May have limited experience with some grammatical concepts, but can usually identify the basic 8 parts of speech
- Can recognize and form complete sentences, understand the rules of subject-verb agreement, and maintain consistency in verb tense, with or without parental help
- Can copy notes from the whiteboard and take notes as instructed

Intermediate IEW Composition (grades 6-8+) Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am — 60-minute class; 30 weeks

- *This is an ungraded class.*
- Typing and midweek submissions via MS Word or Google Docs are required.
- Student email address is recommended for timely receipt of corrections from teacher.
- Required: *Student Resource Packet* (\$19; available at www.iew.com/shop/products/student-resource-packet; copies may be made for immediate family members). Please obtain packet before the first day of class. (*Note that this is **different from** the Student Resource Notebook.*)

The intermediate IEW class for grades 6-8 features the following:

- Most of our weekly writing assignments are limited to 1 to 3 paragraphs; you may expect 3-4 hours of homework each week.
- Students engage in abundant group in-class preparation for individual written work — outlining, brainstorming stylistic elements and material for introductions and conclusions, and so on.
- As far as structural elements, we cover most of IEW Units 1-8, and may touch on Unit 9.
- Of the IEW stylistic elements, we will address all the basic dress-ups and sentence openers. In addition, we'll look at some advanced styles and an assortment of decorations (including literary devices).
- We'll delve into narrative, report, and essay writing. Most assignments will be of 1-3 paragraphs. Students will work up to several 5-paragraph compositions, and one independent project.
- *Students will learn the basics of MLA formatting and citation.*

This intermediate IEW class is best suited for students in 6th-8th or higher grade who

- Can easily identify the basic 8 parts of speech
- Can easily recognize and form complete sentences, understand the rules of sentence agreement, and maintain consistency in verb tense
- Can hand-write with ease as needed for notetaking and drafting during class

Advanced IEW Composition (grades 8-10+) TBA — 90-minute class; 30 weeks

- *This class counts as 1 credit toward high school graduation requirements.*
- Typing and midweek submissions via MS Word or Google Docs are required.
- Student email address is recommended for timely receipt of corrections from teacher.
- Access to laptop (or similar) is recommended for use during class as needed.
- Required: *Student Resource Packet* (\$19; available at www.iew.com/shop/products/student-resource-packet; copies may be made for immediate family members). Please obtain packet before the first day of class. (*Note that this is **different from** the Student Resource Notebook.*)

The advanced IEW class for grades 8-10+ features the following:

- Most of our weekly writing assignments range from 1 to 3 paragraphs; you may expect 3-5 hours of homework each week.
- Students engage in abundant group in-class preparation for individual written work — such as group and individual outlining and brainstorming stylistic elements and material for intros and conclusions.
- As far as structural elements, we cover IEW Units 1-8 and parts of Unit 9.
- Of the IEW stylistic elements, we will address all the basic dress-ups and sentence openers. In addition, we'll explore a number of advanced styles and decorations (including literary devices).
- We'll delve into narrative, report, and essay writing. Students will construct several 5-paragraph compositions, perhaps one longer “super essay” composition, and one independent project.
- *Students will learn and be held accountable for following the basics of MLA formatting and citation.*

This advanced IEW class is best suited for students in 8th-10th grade or higher who

- Can easily identify the basic 8 parts of speech
- Can confidently recognize and form complete sentences of varying structure, understand the rules of sentence agreement, and maintain consistency in verb tense
- Can hand-write relatively quickly for notetaking and drafting during class

FEE STRUCTURE, 60-minute lessons (INTRODUCTORY, ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE)

Private tutoring (1 student)	\$30/week	\$180/6-week session
Semi-private tutoring (2)	\$25/week	\$150 per student/6-week session
Semi-private tutoring (3)	\$20/week	\$120 per student/6-week session
Class (4+ students)	\$15/week	\$90 per student/6-week session

FEE STRUCTURE 90-minute lessons (ADVANCED)

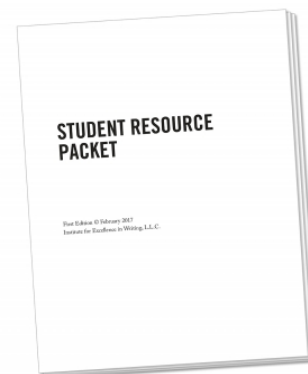
Private tutoring (1 student)	\$45/week	\$270/6-week session
Semi-private tutoring (2)	\$37.50/week	\$225 per student/6-week session
Semi-private tutoring (3)	\$30/week	\$180 per student/6-week session
Class (4+ students)	\$22.50/week	\$135 per student/6-week session

REQUIREMENTS FOR EVERY STUDENT

- Three-ring binder reserved solely for use with this writing class
- 5 tabbed dividers, labeled in order as follows: Sources, Outlines, Checklists, Worksheets, Reference
- Packet of handouts provided at the beginning of each session
- Zippered pouch for pencils, highlighters, tickets, etc.
- Sharpened pencils and 2 colors of highlighting markers
- 8.5x11-inch, hole-punched filler paper for use in class
- White copy or printer paper (for printing compositions)
- Access at home to age-appropriate dictionary and thesaurus, or online versions of same
- Access at home to a computer and printer (for typing assignments and printing materials)
- Typing ability, or access to a typist who is willing to provide the service
- Access to **MS Word** or **Google Docs** for midweek assignment submission
- Access to email for midweek communications and submissions

Additional requirements for intermediate and advanced IEW students ONLY

- IEW's *Student Resource Packet* (\$19; available at www.iew.com/shop/products/student-resource-packet; copies may be made for immediate family members). Please obtain packet before the first day of class.
- Library card



Communications requirements for ALL students (or parents): must have Internet access as follows:

- Follow-up information (lesson recap and assignment details) will be posted each week on **Canvas** or **Google Classroom**.

Teacher information. Mrs. Daryl Kessler has a background in English and publishing, and now enjoys helping students express themselves in writing with clarity and individuality. For the past thirteen years she has taught a variety of homeschool language arts classes, including composition, creative writing, and grammar. She has had the pleasure of offering classes through WWPL since 2014.