

2026 Young Authors Conference Impact Report

74% of students

were **first-time participants** at the Young Authors Conference

98% of students

said the Young Authors Conference **gave them new strategies, ideas, and skills to become better writers**

96% of students

left the conference **understanding that strong writing skills are important in life**

95% of teachers

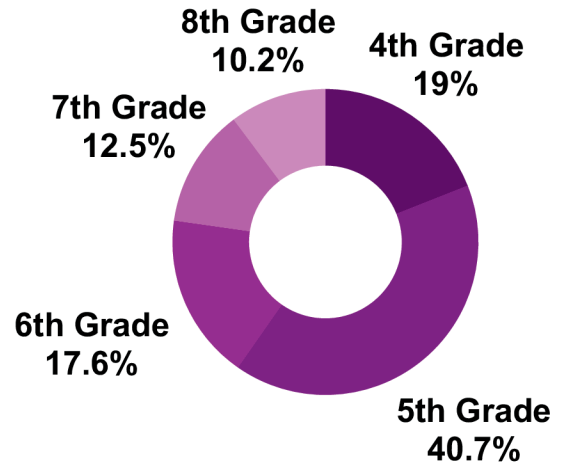
agreed that presenters **encouraged and challenged students to become stronger writers**



2,288
Students

103
Schools

38
Presenters



Students said...

- Writing is emotion, art, skill, and determination on a sheet of paper.
- You can be yourself in writing.
- Anybody can be an author.
- I just loved it!
- I learned how to put my busy mind on paper.
- I feel like I learned a lot about what it would be like to really pursue writing.

Teachers said...

- Each session was different and appealed to different people. Kids were encouraged to share their stories in each class which is good for them.
- The organization was superb!
- One of our students is attending his fifth and final YAC and said, "I guess to come back, it'll have to be when I'm an author."