

Gahr High School Writing Center Now Available!

Do you need help with your writing assignments? Have you wondered where you could go to get additional feedback on what you have drafted? Try the Gahr Writing Center!

The Writing Center is open on Mondays and Wednesdays in room 203 from 3:00-4:30. An appointment will provide you a 30 minute tutoring session that provides you specific feedback on how to improve your current assignments.

Please make an appointment with Ms. Bear (room 203). Walk-ins will be available but are limited! Appointments must be booked in person, and any cancellations must be made ASAP. Cancellations will be accepted by email to nicole.bear@abcusd.us. Please check-in to your appointment within five minutes of its start time. If you do not arrive within the first five minutes of your appointment, your tutor will be reassigned to a walk-in student.

Preparing for the Writing Center

When participating in the Writing Center, please do the following after checking in:

- 1) Bring the materials needed to participate:
 - Your current Gahr ID
 - A copy of the prompt or question you are answering
 - A copy of the rubric being used to score your writing
 - Either: a prewriting document you have completed OR a draft of the assignment
 - A specific question you have about your document
 - Any other materials that are needed to complete any aspect of the text
 - Example: The novel, text, or annotations you are required to use to answer the prompt
 - If using a Chromebook: log in and open your tabs BEFORE your tutoring session begins!
- 2) Answer any phone calls or texts OUTSIDE the Writing Center
- 3) Finish any food or drink OUTSIDE the Writing Center
- 4) Use the restroom BEFORE OR AFTER your session
- 5) Be ready to receive feedback and collaborate!

During Your Tutoring Session

To start the session, we will need you to give a “30 second speech” to introduce yourself and your assignment:

- 1) What is your question?
- 2) What do you know that could help you answer your question? (share the prompt, rubric, and anything else you know)
- 3) What work have you already done that could help you answer your question? (share your pre-writing work)
- 4) What is your main point of confusion?

At this point, the tutor will begin to ask you questions to help you figure out how to answer your question.

After Your Tutoring Session

In the last three minutes of your tutoring session, you and your tutor will wrap up the ideas you discussed to help you know what to do next:

- 1) Work with your tutor to complete the Visit Verification Form
- 2) Check-Out with the Check-In Teacher: have the teacher look over the Visit Verification Form and sign off on its completion
- 3) Take your completed Visit Verification Form to your English teacher