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We are teachers teaching teachers in [Mississippi](#).

The [Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute](#), a unit of the [Center for Educational Partnerships \(PREPS, Inc.\)](#) in the [College of Education](#) at [Mississippi State University](#), is a collaborative network of seven [National Writing Project](#) sites in [Mississippi](#). Collectively, the seven sites serve the entire state. Writing project sites are located at [Alcorn State University](#), [Delta State University](#), [Mississippi State University](#), [Mississippi Valley State University](#), [University of Mississippi](#), [University of Southern Mississippi](#), and [University of Southern Mississippi - Gulf Park Campus](#).

Since its inception in 1985, the mission of the Institute has been to transform education for students and teachers in [Mississippi](#). The Institute subcontracts with university sites to provide various programs to school districts and provides direct programming from the Institute office for statewide initiatives.

Through the [Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute](#), the [National Writing Project](#) offers what Mississippi teachers need most to help their students:

- High quality professional development that blends best practices and research
- Programs that last for weeks, well beyond a single afternoon or faculty meeting
- Outstanding classroom teachers who serve as teachers of their colleagues (and often their administrators)

The heart of the writing project continues to be the annual [Invitational Summer Institute](#), conducted at each site. Twenty to twenty-five teachers attend the Institute at their local sites, and, in turn, work in the schools during the academic year, providing in-service workshops, classroom demonstration lessons, and other professional development activities.

In addition, each local site creates a professional community for teachers. Through a wide range of options - for example, seminars, study groups, teacher research programs - teachers can continue to learn their craft. This community crosses school district and grade-level lines, increasing opportunities for teachers to expand their knowledge.

<http://www.educ.msstate.edu/mwti>

This is the who we are section.