

Hisar School WRITING CENTER

2023-
2024



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CENTER DATA

Number of Sessions

- Peer-led Middle School: 45
- Peer-led High School: 43
- Teacher-led: 31
- Teacher-led University Application Essays: 213

Tutor Training Elective Course Hours: 128

Number of Fully-trained High School Tutors This Year: 71

WORKSHOPS AND CONTESTS

High School Workshops: 12 Hours Middle School Workshops: 26 Hours

- **Math:** Students from 5th to 8th grade created story problems and practiced connecting keywords to features of math equations.
- **Art:** Wrote artist statements for created works.
- **Turkish:** Translation workshop for environmental slogans
- **Modern Languages:** Notetaking workshop for language learning
- **Junior Model United Nations:** Workshop on paraphrasing and research
- **Space Week Writing Contest:** Middle school students submitted writing on several prompts related to space science.



STUDENT-LED WORKSHOPS AND CONTESTS

- One of our student consultants created and presented a **Peer Feedback** workshop for 9th English classes.
- A senior student consultant created a **Planning and Note-taking** workshop for the first-year consultants.
- Another senior student consultant developed a **Creative Writing** workshop on plots/stories for 6th-grade English classes.
- **MAX Courage:** 5 of our peer consultants tutored disadvantaged students from Kırklareli in writing and submitted 7 essays for Boston's Max Courage Foundation's contest.
- Our student consultants created and participated in a **Two-sentence Horror Story Contest** with our sister center at Lindblom Math and Science Academy in Chicago, USA.

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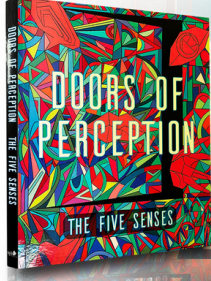
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GURURLA SUNARI!
DOORS OF PERCEPTION
THE FIVE SENSES



BOOK LAUNCH CELEBRATION

We were proud to celebrate the publication of **Doors of Perception: The Five Senses**. It is our 4th book published by SPI Columbia University Press, and it is the collective work of teachers and students across all departments of our school. The whole high school community came together to hear students read excerpts from their contributions and receive a personal copy of the book.

We also announced the title and theme of our next book: **Artificial**. Students voted on the general submission writing prompt.

GROWTH

Our center continues to grow. Our staff of 4 teachers trains and leads a team of 71 student consultants. This is the highest number yet. As a result, we have had to expand beyond our center located in the Middle School. The High School Library has provided us with a space dedicated to the Writing Center where we can have the supplies and space we now need to accommodate all of our sessions.



PROJECTS AND EVENTS

- **Autumn Teachers' Conference:** Writing Center Director Jeffrey Gibbs assisted frequent collaborator and friend of our center Zeren Doğan Yaycıoğlu as she presented about using writing to make thinking visible in art.
- **Night Against Procrastination:** This is an exciting annual event where seniors gather with College Counselors and Writing Center Staff to get assistance and encouragement in writing their university application and supplemental essays. With prizes and pizza, this marathon of writing goes well into the night.
- **Preschool Children's Book Publication:** Preschool teachers began their children's book-writing journey two years ago. We are getting closer than ever to publishing their incredible stories and sharing them with the world. We are working with an illustrator and the stories are really coming to life.