

How can I encourage my students to use the Writing Support Services?

Can I expect them to come on their own?

Students will say they are too busy or don't need help with their writing. They'll also want to know what's in it for them, such as extra credit. Try to explain how their grades will improve if they visit Writing Support Services. We don't guarantee high grades, but we they are certainly more likely to earn better grades if they access Writing Support Services.

How often do I talk about the Writing Support Services?

If you mention Writing Support Services only once in passing, students will not assume there is any great benefit to going there. However, if you mention Writing Support Services on a regular basis and explain what those benefits are, students will be more likely to go and you will see better drafts.

Who should I recommend to use the Writing Support Services?

Please recommend all writers to use Writing Support Services. Any writer will benefit from having conversations about their writing, and if you only encourage the struggling writers, the average and good ones will get the message that they don't need to go.

How can I use the Writing Support Services to reinforce course objectives?

Tutors in Writing Support Services are interested in working with faculty to accomplish their goals. The more specific your instructions to tutors, the better able they will be to emphasize some matters over others. Call Writing Support Services at ext. 3207, or e-mail Dan Fraizer at dfraizer@spfldcol.edu and give us a heads up about what you would like us to do.

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