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Do The Write Thing

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HELP STOP THE VIOLENCE

Agenda

- DtWT Challenge Overview
- Teacher Support & Resources for DtWT
- How to Participate & Evaluation Criteria
- Q&A

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Purpose:

Involve youths' voices from the country of Kuwait and the US to establish ways to keep Peace throughout the world.



Sponsored by the Kuwait-America Foundation

Managed by the National Campaign to Stop Violence

Locally

- Sponsored by the Utah State Board of Education and managed by Prevention and Student Services since 2020
- 2026 Challenge:
 - 2,000+ Students
 - 1,200+ Writings
 - 261 Evaluated by College Students
 - 24 Students Honored



26th Anniversary

The DtWT Challenge

Answer three questions:



1. How has youth violence affected my life?
2. What are the causes of youth violence?
3. What can my community and I do to reduce youth violence?

Who and What



- Statewide for 7th- and 8th-grade
- students
- Encourages students to make a commitment to take positive steps to change the problem, break the cycle of violence in their home, school, and neighborhood.

Awards & Scholarships

All State Finalists:

- Students' gifts
- Signed certificate from the State Superintendent & the Governor

Scholarships:

- State Finalists: \$300 (2 scholarships per participating school)
- \$400 for two State Runners Up (a boy and a girl)
- \$500 for one National Finalists or "Ambassadors"

National Recognition Summit

- A 5-day trip to Washington DC in the Summer for the ambassador, one parent, and their teacher
- Plus, obligations to State's challenge, including attending the annual Promising Youth Conference, participating as VIP judge for next year's DtWT Challenge, and presenting at next year's DtWT Awards.

2026-2027 DtWT Contest Timeline

- Available: Sept. 2025 through January 8, 2027 at [Prevention's Utah Do the Write Thing Website](#)
- Submission Deadline: Friday January 8, 2027
- Review and Selection Process
 - College students review: Jan. 18-Feb. 19, 2027
 - a top boy and girl per school will be selected as State Finalists
 - VIP Judges review: March 1st – March 15th, 2027
 - Review top 12 boys and top 12 girls, statewide, to select two runners up and one National Finalist or “Ambassador”
 - Invite finalists to recognition event
- Recognition Event and Award Luncheon: April 23, 2027 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- University of Utah Alumni House

Teacher Support & Resources



[Lesson Plans QR Code](#)

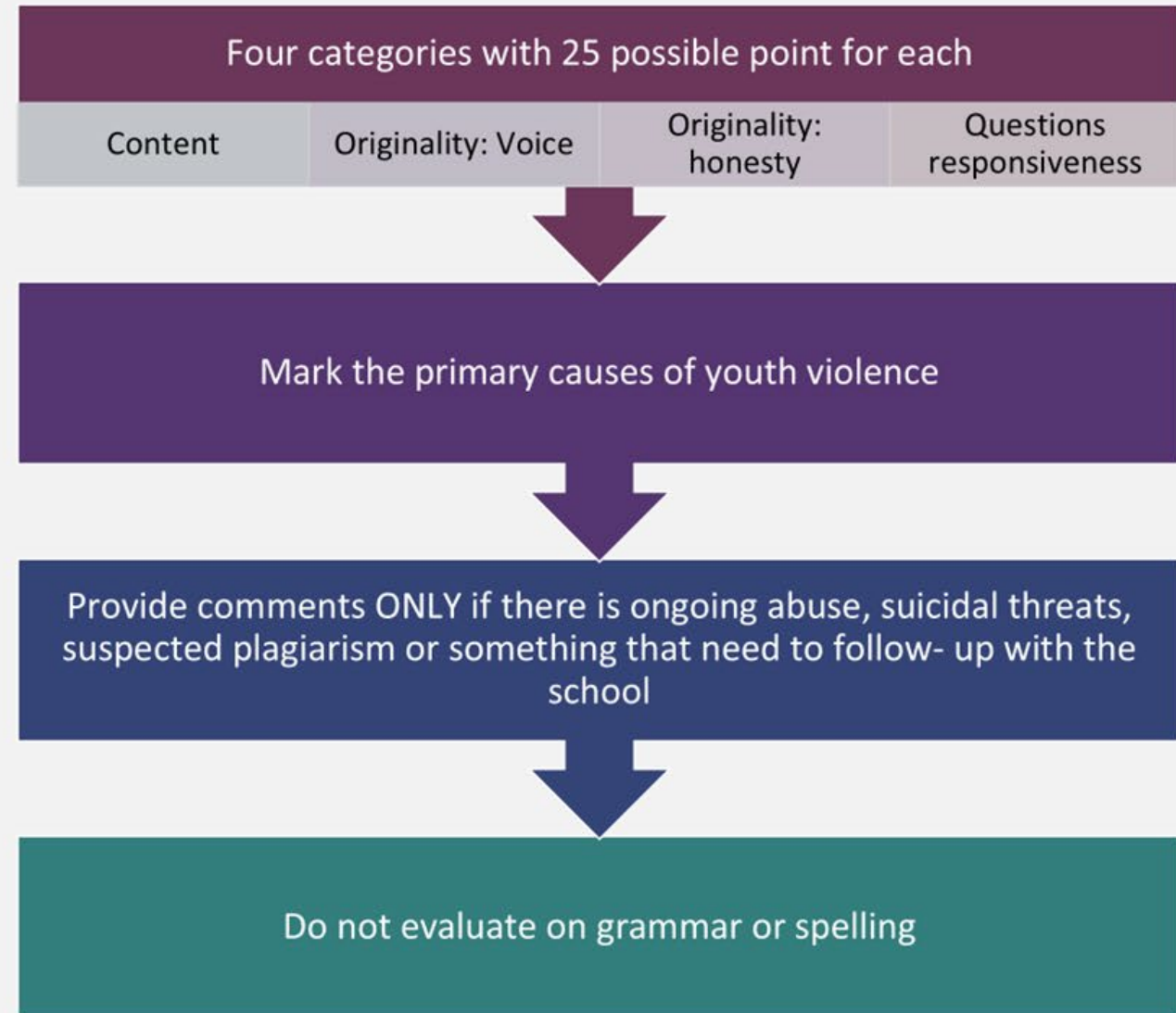
Kim Irvine
DtWT Committee Member



DtWT Magics

- Student behaviors
- Creating classroom community

Evaluation Criteria



How to get started

Register as a
Participating teacher



Received a specialized link for
distribution with consent form to
parents and student



Collect at once and submit online
via Qualtrics Survey on or before
Friday, January 8, 2027

Teacher Registration



[Teacher Registration QR Code](#)

Teacher
Registration



Utah's Challenge to Do the Write Thing!
2026-2027 Teacher Registration Form

Contact Information

Teacher name

Teacher email address

Teacher phone number

Course name

District/Charter

School name

Teacher Checklist

2026-2027 Utah's "Do the Write Thing" Challenge CHECKLIST

	Teachers interested in participating, please complete the 2026-2027 Teacher Registration Form Please register early.
	Teachers will receive an email from USBE with links for parent consent form, student entry and consent form, and teacher survey.
	Teachers forward the parent consent form to all parents.
	Teachers forward the student consent form to all students.
	Teachers review students' writings: make sure to review each student's writing for issues like ongoing abuse, suicidal threats, suspected plagiarism, including AI use. Please follow your district's policy protocols to take appropriate professional action if warranted.
	Teachers remind students to submit by January 8, 2027.
	Teachers complete and submit the 2026-2027 Teacher Survey Form (after reviewing student's writings).



[2026-2027 Teacher Checklist QR Code](#)

Contact

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[Prevention's Do the Write Thing Website](#)

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