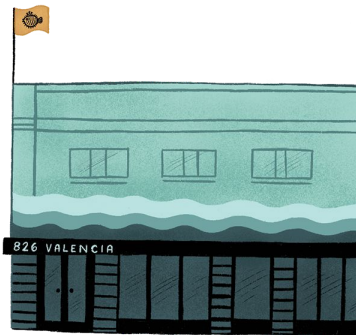# Welcome

826 VALENCIA

What is 826 Valencia?

826 Valencia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting under-resourced students ages 6-18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write.

Mission Center

est. 2002

Tenderloin Center

est. 2016

Mission Bay Center

est. 2019

History

826 Valencia was co-founded in 2002 by author Dave Eggers & educator Nínive Calegari.

Founding concepts

- ✧ Reduce the student-to-teacher ratio
- ✧ Provide under-resourced youth with tools and resources for academic success
- ✧ Be responsive to our young people and communities
- ✧ Professionally publish and amplify voices
- ✧ Create a space that fosters creativity and 🌟W🌟O🌟N🌟D🌟E🌟R🌟

Meet our students!

How many students do we serve?

Last school year, 2021-22, we served a total of:
5,682 students
in **3,726** program hours!
and produced **33** Publications

with the support of:
719 volunteers
volunteering an average of **17.5 hours** a year each
for an average student-to-tutor ratio of **3 : 1**

Who are our students?

All of our programs are offered free of charge and predominantly serve students of color and English Learners from under-resourced communities.

Latinx, Hispanic: 57%
Black, African American: 9.6%
Asian, Asian American: 5.9%
White: 4%
Two or more races : 8.5%

Languages include:

Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Tagalog

WHY WRITING?

BUILDS CRITICAL THINKING
- processing the world around us
- reflecting on experiences
- mental health

ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL
- math, science, social studies, & language arts
- Common Core requirement
- academic achievement
- preparing for college

FOSTERS CREATIVITY
- inspiration
- authorship
- imagination

CRUCIAL TO ALL CAREER PATHS
- innovation
- accessing opportunity
- communicating ideas

YOUTH VOICE MATTERS
- contributing to the national dialogue
- strengthening our democracy
- building a better, more inclusive world

CREATES EMPATHY & COMMUNITY
- shared experiences
- amplifying marginalized voices
- understanding across differences

YOUR IDEAS HERE

I am a rushing river, adapting to change.
I can go with the flow, getting stronger with many storms.

From *A Bolt of Lightning*
By Franklin H., age 11
826 Valencia student author

826 Valencia Mission Bay Center

Meet the Mission Bay Team!

Michelle Espinoza
Programs Coordinator

Sol Granados
Programs Director

Emily Forbes-Allen
Programs Manager

Emily Lam
Programs Coordinator

Daniele Laval-Leyva
BAYAC AmeriCorps Programs Associate

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Mission Bay Programs

Mission Bay Center
1310 4th St.

Magical Adventure Field Trips

Fridays | 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. *with students elementary school students*

- Visiting class of students from SFUSD schools
- Students writing individual adventure stories

After School Tutoring

Mon–Thu | 4–6 pm *with elementary and middle school students*

- Homework help + creative writing projects
- Students attend twice a week
- Weekly shift encouraged!

Programs At Our Partner Schools
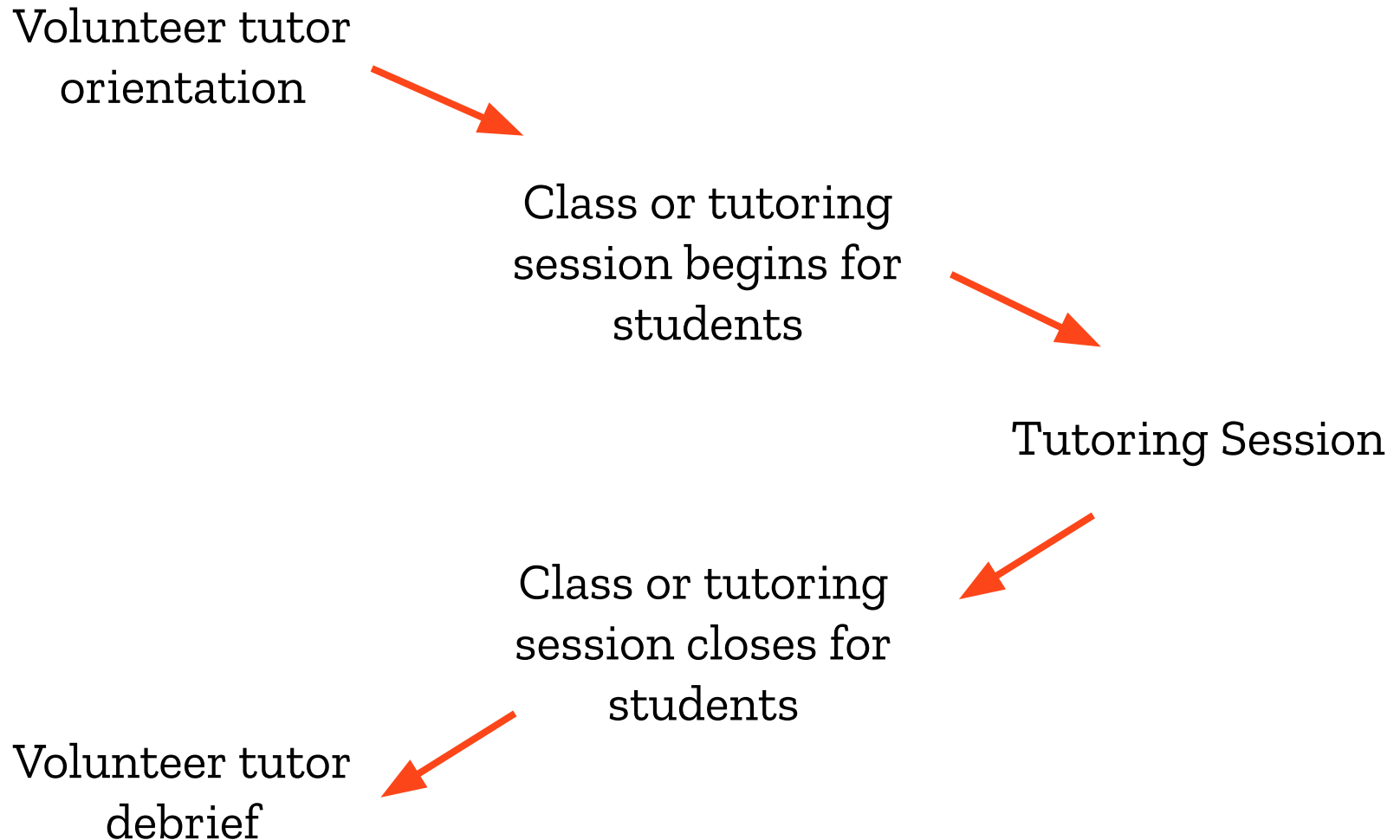
Shifts take place between 8am - 2:30pm

Starr King Elementary
Mondays

Bret Harte Elementary
Tuesdays

Malcolm X Elementary
Thursdays

Session Structure: an example of a session schedule

Volunteer tutor orientation

Class or tutoring session begins for students

Tutoring Session

Class or tutoring session closes for students

Volunteer tutor debrief

First Steps

1. Register online: 826valencia.org/volunteer-application/

2. Attend an **orientation** (dates on next slides)

3. Complete requirements:

    ○ Live Scan fingerprinting

    ○ COVID vaccination card

    ○ TB test results from past 4 years

4. Then you'll be able to start signing up for projects on our volunteer calendar! 826valencia.org/volunteer-calendar

Orientation Options

- **Attend general volunteer orientation at an 826 center:**

  Friday, Sept. 16th, 3 pm - 6 pm

  @ Tenderloin Center, 180 Golden Gate Ave

  Monday, Oct. 3rd 9:30am - 12:30pm

  Thursday, Oct. 13th, 9:30am - 12:30pm

  @ Mission Bay Center, 1300 4th St.

RSVP at

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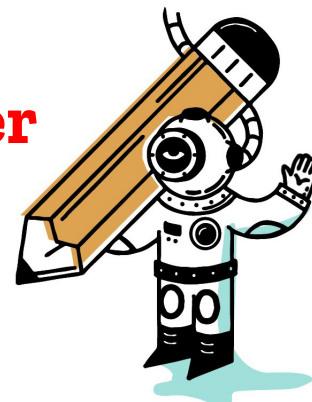
Live Scan Steps

- **Attend a general fingerprinting session at 826 Valencia Street on one of these dates:**
  - **Dates TBD, we'll email you**
- **Complete a fingerprinting session on your own, with the "Request for Livescan" form (sent later today)**
- **There will be more specific steps to set up an appointment in an email later today**
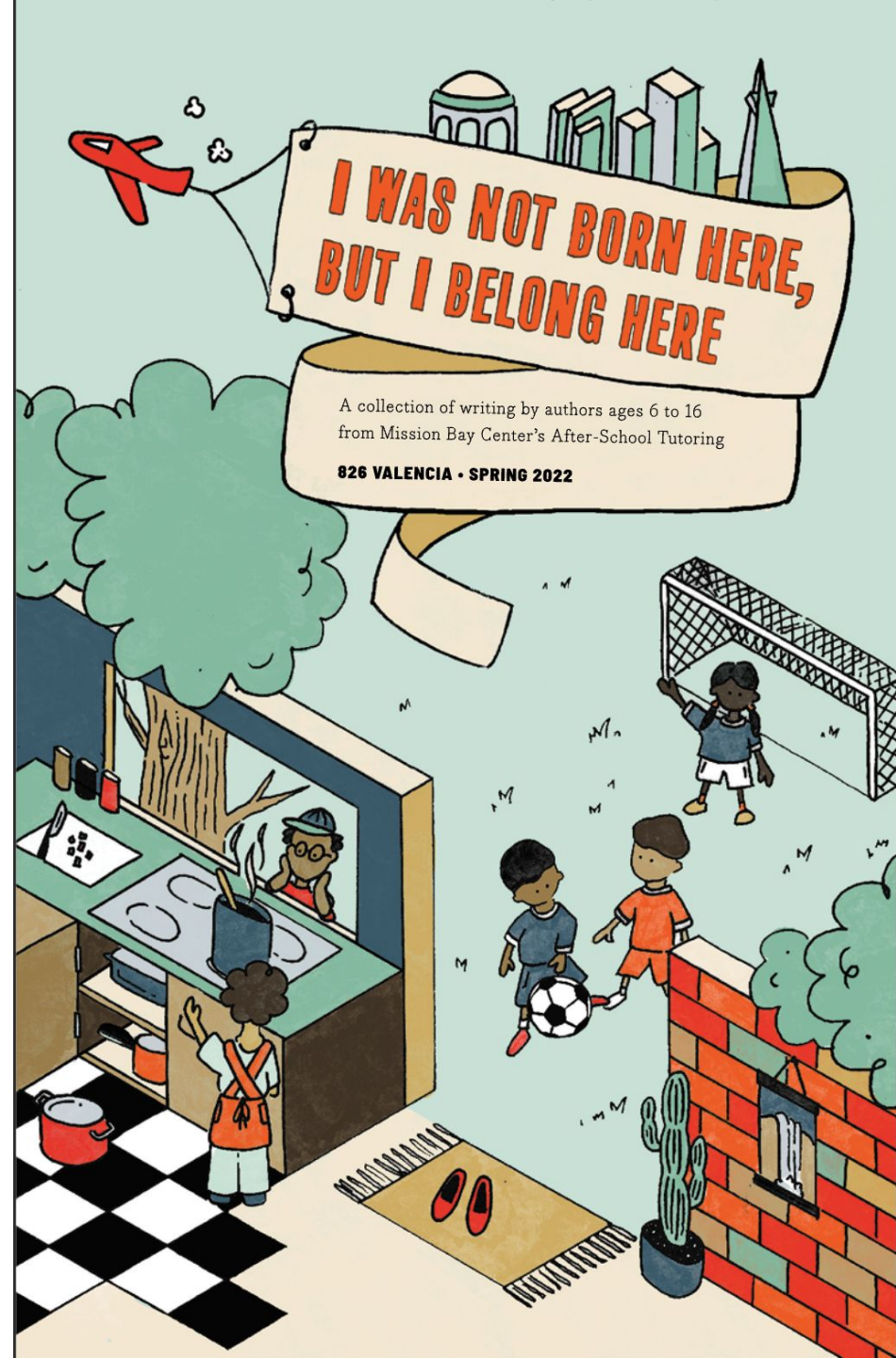
Email volunteer@826valencia.org to RSVP

Next Steps to Start Volunteering

1. **Sign up on our <u>Volunteer Application</u>!**

2. **Attend our Volunteer Orientation!**

3. **Complete a Live Scan Background Check!**

4. **Sign up for shifts using our Volunteer Calendar!**

Questions? Email us!
volunteer@826valencia.org

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Thank you!

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