Our Vision is to bridge the engagement and opportunity gap by reaching every child that is silent in the back of the classroom and inspiring them to step forward to become the leaders in the front.

**DID YOU KNOW**

Speak With Purpose (SWP) is unique. It is the ONLY public speaking program integrated into classrooms across King County public schools in Washington State.

**Our Mission**

SWP exists to cultivate inclusive and creative learning spaces that allow young scholars to deconstruct the dominant narratives by using public speaking to uplift their culture, self-authored identities, and communities.

SWP adapts to the needs of each student by training diverse educators/artists to co-teach alongside classroom teachers to implement a culturally responsive and relevant curriculum. Our goal is to reimagine classroom learning by collaborating with teachers and students to guide their education using student agency, collectivism and voice to nurture brilliance, imagination and leadership.

**OUR HISTORY**

SWP was founded in 2012 by Executive Director, Toyia T. Taylor, a Black woman born and raised in Seattle. Toyia taught sixteen classes across three school districts, led an expansion into five schools and later, added six summer programs. Today, SWP is comprised of dedicated youth advocates, educators, board members, and partners committed to ensuring that all school-aged children are equipped to advocate for themselves and their community.

Partnering schools and educators receive professional development (PD) and an SWP certification to integrate our SWP Curriculum into a classroom during school hours starting with 4th grade and up.

- **Learn the Truth (4th Grade):** Scholars identify with culture, unique learning styles and self-advocacy.
- **Speak the Truth (5th Grade):** Scholars recognize, acknowledge, and celebrate their responsibility to stand up to exclusion, prejudice and injustice.
- **Teach the Truth (Middle School and up):** Scholars identify as global citizens and are paired with mentors, internships and community leaders.

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