English Inclusiveness

The Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors accepts, validates, and promotes all language varieties represented by the students we serve.

Our program does not judge any language or dialect as inferior or incorrect.

We do this by…

- **Not** labeling any variety of English as superior
- Supporting students in their learning of discipline-specific writing styles, like Standard Edited Written English, while also working to validate and elevate the writer’s personal voice
- Training writing consultants to respect all language varieties
- Recognizing that empowering a writer’s home language allows the writer to feel valued and more confident about learning new knowledge and skills
- Acknowledging that mastery of a home language will help the writer to master other languages or language varieties