

Best Practice Site
Teaching Students with Disabilities to Read and Write

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Schools	Cabarrus County Schools
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Instructional Location(s)

Cabarrus County Schools has full implementation of Direct Instruction reading programs in all EC classrooms. All elementary school sites have full or partial implementation of Direct Instruction reading programs such as SRA's Reading Mastery, in grades k-1. Most schools have implemented these programs as interventions from k-12.

Purpose and Goals

To significantly improve the reading and writing performance of identified exceptional students receiving the standard course of studies curriculum and performing at Levels I, II and /or Level III (for students who have significant discrepancies in percentile scores on the Reading EOG performance tests in Cabarrus County Schools.

Description Of Students

All students identified EC who qualify for reading instruction is placed into a Direct Instruction program. This includes students classified LD, Autistic, Other Health Impaired, EMD, BED, TM, etc. Regular Education Students have access to the same type of reading instruction depending on the school site and their intervention plan.

Description of Instructional Model

Cabarrus County Schools has implemented Direct Instruction programs such as Reading Mastery Classic, Reading Mastery Plus, Corrective Reading, Language for Learning, Language for Thinking, Language for Writing, Connecting Math

Instructional Methods

Direct Instruction methods that are research based are being implemented by teachers who have received program specific training. These trainings are ongoing and conducted by certified county trainers.

Instructional

Instructional materials used across the county include: Reading



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Materials

Mastery classic I & II, Reading Mastery Plus, Corrective Reading A, B1, B2, Morphographs, Horizons, Language for Learning, Language for Writing, Language for Thinking, Letterland, and High Performance Writing

Designated Teachers

All teachers of exceptional children, all staff teaching Direct Instruction programs; including administration, receive ongoing support and training.