

**Best Practice Site**  
**Teaching Students with Disabilities to Read and Write**

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<b>Schools</b>	Cleveland County
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526 Davis Road  
Shelby, NC 28152  
704-487-7809

**Burns Middle School**  
215 Shady Grove Road  
Lawndale, NC 28090  
704-538-3126

**Purpose and Goals**

The goal is to improve reading and writing for Exceptional Children thus enabling them to access the standard course of study in the least restrictive environment possible.

- All 28 schools, our alternative settings, and our day treatment site will be involved in the project K-12
- Our childcount: 2006
- CCS Student Population: 16,800

**Description Of Students**

We began our project with the former Cleveland County School System. Since merger, we have included the other two school systems in the direct instruction reading program training and the Reading Foundations Training. We will continue to expand the research based instruction program implementation to all schools in our system.

NCSIP Data is submitted only for those students in our 4 grant schools.

**Description of Instructional Model**

Programs implemented include Reading Mastery, Reading Mastery Plus, Corrective Reading, and Language for Learning.

**Designated Teachers**

All EC teachers and teacher assistants will be trained or have refresher trainings in the Reading Mastery and Corrective Reading Programs. Also, we include Title I teachers as requested. The diagnosticians, selected school psychologists, and speech therapists will be included in the training. The Reading

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Foundations class is currently provided for approximately 25 – 30 teachers per year. This includes EC and general education teachers.