

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

<b>Region</b>	Southwest
<b>Schools</b>	Lincoln County Schools
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<b>Instructional Location(s)</b>	Childers Elementary – Reading Locations 2595 Rock Dam Road Lincolnton, NC 28092 Phone: 704.736.9610  Iron Station Elementary – Reading 4207 Hwy 27 West Iron Station, NC 28080 Phone: 704.736.4292  North Lincoln Middle School – Reading 1503 Amity Church Road Denver, NC 28037 Phone: 704.736.0262  Pumpkin Center Intermediate - Reading

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3980 King Wilkinson Rd  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
Phone: 704.736.1504

Rock Springs Elementary - Reading  
3633 Hwy 16 North  
Denver, NC 28037  
Phone: 704.483.2281

S. Ray Lowder Elementary - Reading  
350 Kennedy Drive  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
Phone: 704.735.2741

Lincolnton High School – Reading  
803 N. Aspen Street  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
Phone: 704.735.3089

West Lincoln Middle School - Reading  
260 Shoal Road  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
Phone: 704.276.1760

**Purpose and Goals**

To improve literacy skills for students with disabilities who are significantly below grade level and for other students who are experiencing considerable difficulties with reading. Our goal is to provide more effective reading instruction for those students who have not been successful in current reading programs. Another goal is to educate and equip our teachers with the training that is necessary to further meet the needs of our struggling readers.

**Description Of Students**

Demonstration site classes include students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in resource and self-contained settings. Those who are identified as exceptional

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#### **Description of Instructional Model**

children in the categories of Specific Learning Disabled, Educable Mentally Handicapped, Other Health Impaired, and Developmentally Delayed, as well as selected Title I students.

The Language! Literacy Intervention Curriculum is the designated curriculum used countywide. The program meets our needs for a comprehensive and systematic language program which is presented through direct instruction. Language! also meets the scientifically-based research standard.

#### **Instructional Methods**

The students in the demonstration classrooms are provided explicit, systematic instruction through the Language! program. The designated teachers are also assigned a Language! coach to offer additional support. Fidelity checks are conducted three times a year to assure fidelity of the program.

#### **Instructional Materials**

Language! 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

#### **Designated Teachers**

Wendy Mosterller – Childers Elementary  
Jeanne Hoffman & Donna Robinson – Iron Station Elementary  
Caroline Willard – Lincoln High School  
Katie Kerwin, Kiley Sigmon & Chris Ziemba Tolbert – North Lincoln Middle  
Leah Caldewell & Mary Zabilansky – Rocks Spring Elementary  
Darlene Gibson – S. Ray Lowder  
Heath Barkley, Andie Gavin, Hannah Hullet & Carla Lingerfelt – West Lincoln Middle School