

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

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<b>Schools</b>	Transylvania County
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<b>Purpose and Goals</b>	Increase reading scores for students with persistent reading problems. Increase teacher knowledge and skill at developing and delivering class- room instruction that facilitates growth for students with persistent reading problems. Increase knowledge and use of effective progress monitoring

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tools. Transylvania County Schools is participating in the NCSIP Project to improve literacy skills for at risk students with disabilities who performing significantly below grade level in reading. Staff development is being offered to staff members through the Foundations of Reading training and through the SRA Reading Program. Foundations of Reading is designed to increase the knowledge base of basic literacy and offers research based strategies for everyday classroom use.

#### Description Of Students

SRA Reading Program is being used in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. The focus is on students with disabilities, including SLD, AU, OHI, and IDM categories of disabilities. Students were selected for participation based on Diebels test scores, teacher recommendation, and EOC scores, if available. Students with excessive absences were not included.

#### Description of Instructional Model

SRA Reading Program was selected for use based on its attention to phonics and reading comprehension. It is based on methods initially established by Orton-Gillingham instruction and Wilson Reading.

#### Instructional Methods

Students are grouped, based on a pre-test, and given direct reading instruction 35-50 minutes per day, using SRA materials. Further instruction is done daily using the regular classroom basal, supplemental texts and, in some cases, The Wilson Reading Program.

#### Instructional Materials

Materials include purchased instructional materials from the SRA program and from the Wilson Reading Program.

#### Designated Teachers

Annette Merrill, Brevard Elementary  
Chris Yaxley, Brevard Elementary  
Ursula Leahy, Brevard Elementary  
Michelle Ridenour, Brevard Elementary  
Ann Stone, Brevard Middle  
Lynda Jayne, Brevard Middle

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