Reading Apprenticeship

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Improving Academic Literacy

Evidence-Based Teacher Professional Learning for Middle and High School
More than ever, middle and high school students are required to understand increasingly complex texts, think critically about what they read, synthesize information from multiple sources, and construct evidence-based arguments. To master this demanding work, they also need to become learners who persevere and solve problems.

Reading Apprenticeship is a research-based approach to both classroom instruction and professional learning that gives teachers the tools and perspective to “apprentice” their students by sharing their expertise as readers in their subject areas. It develops students’ academic literacy while building their knowledge, collaborative skills, persistence, and confidence.
I always knew literacy was important, but I didn’t realize how much power I have to help my students grow as learners.”

– (Secondary Science Teacher, Michigan)
I think Reading Apprenticeship is the vehicle we use to bring back hope and life to our students who have had to ‘sit and get’ education for so many years.” (Middle School Principal)

Reading Apprenticeship Across the United States

In an average year, we work with 2,500 educators in districts of all sizes across the country.

Sample Urban Districts
New York City • Los Angeles • Reading, PA • Chicago • Charlotte Mecklenburg, NC

Sample Rural Districts
Communities in California’s central valley, northern Michigan, and western Pennsylvania

Professional Learning Services

Contact us to find services that support your teacher and student learning goals.
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Who We Work With
Middle and High School Teachers and Administrators
• All Subject Area Teachers
• Teacher Leaders
• Principals
• Chief Academic Officers
• Literacy Directors
• Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development Staff

Options for Professional Learning
• Institutes in your district
• National teacher institutes
• Coaching, online or in person
• Blended institutes and coaching (online and in person)
• Teacher, leader, and administrator development
• Districtwide initiatives
• Online courses

Long-term partnerships are the way to make lasting instructional and learning shifts for teachers and students. We provide consultation services and will help develop a multi-year plan to fit your goals.

Visit ReadingApprenticeship.org for details on our professional learning, free resources, and videos of teacher practice.

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