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Reading Initiative for Student Excellence



**Sharpening the
Focus
and
Strengthening
Instruction**

**Creating
Community
Collaboration**

**Building a
Culture of
Reading**

Sharpening the Focus and Strengthening Instruction

WHY?

- **31%** of 4th grade students in Arkansas are proficient in reading
(National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2015)
- **27%** of 8th grade students in Arkansas are proficient in reading
(National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2015)
- **48.6%** of 3rd-10th grade students are proficient in English language arts
(ACT Aspire, 2015)
- **39%** of graduating seniors in Arkansas met reading readiness benchmarks
(ACT, 2015)

“If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you’ve always got.”

— **Henry Ford**



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Sharpening the Focus and Strengthening Instruction Implementation Plan - Year 1

R.I.S.E. K-2 Academy consisting of 6 days of face-to-face training and a year-long blended professional development

- *Each trainer will train and support 25 teachers

- *Each trainer will be in a support group facilitated by a higher education representative and ADE literacy specialists



Sharpening the Focus and Strengthening Instruction Implementation Plan - Year 2

- **R.I.S.E. 3-8 Academy** consisting of 6 days of face-to-face training and a year-long blended professional development
- **R.I.S.E. 9-12 Academy** consisting of 6 days of face-to-face training and a year-long blended professional development
- **R.I.S.E. K-2 Academy (Cohort 2)** consisting of 6 days of face-to-face training and a year-long blended professional development

The process will continue for years 3, 4, ...



What is meant by the “Science of Reading”?

The science of reading informs us of how the brain learns to read based on research from neuroscientists and linguists. Science has identified critical components and principles of instruction for teaching reading.



R.I.S.E. Academy Instructional Focus



★ **SYSTEMATIC**

Systematic means that the teacher has a specific **scope** and **sequence** for introducing each skill.

★ **EXPLICIT**

Explicit means that the teacher provides **clear** and **precise** instruction.

★ **ASSESSMENT**

Effective accurate assessments help us to individualize instruction and document a student's progress toward identified goals and outcomes.

R.I.S.E. Academy Instructional Focus - Science of Reading

★ Phonological Awareness

★ Phonics

★ Vocabulary

★ Fluency

★ Comprehension

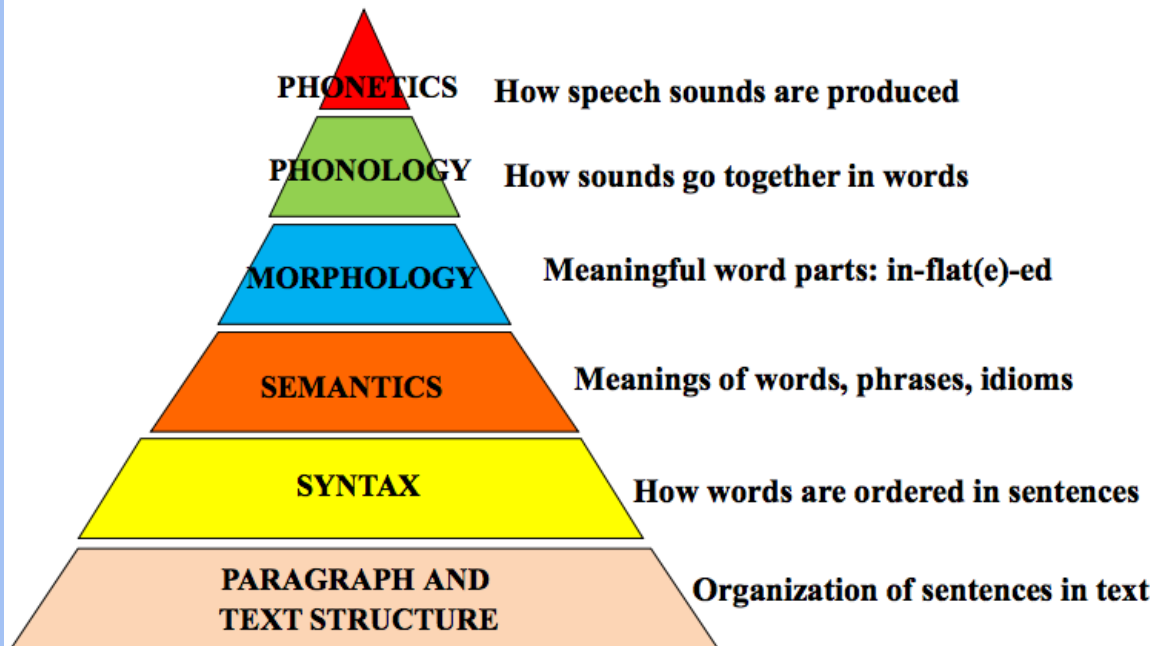
★ Writing



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Building a Language Foundation



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R.I.S.E. Arkansas Webpage

<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/r.i.s.e.-arkansas>



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ADE Writing LiveBinder:

<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=2120149&backurl=/shelf/my>



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Creating Community Collaboration



Collaborate with **business and education partners**, including higher education, to improve instruction and support for teachers and promote a deeper understanding of the science of reading

Collaborate with the **Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) Early Childhood Division** to promote the importance of early literacy instruction for students in preschool before entering kindergarten

Collaborating with **business and civic partners** to promote a culture of reading and continued support for local school districts, higher education and community action

Purpose for Community Collaboration

Increasing the number of books in the home

Emphasizing the importance of early literacy

Promoting the importance of literacy throughout life

Providing resources for the well-being of the whole child



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Building a Culture of Reading

A personalized school launch will take place in the Fall 2017:

Resources to promote reading for each school

#RISEArkansas #RISEyourschoolname

Become a community that supports R.I.S.E.



“What if you organized your own community launch?”

#RISEArkansas #RISEyourschoolname

Read OUT night!

Book Drives

Social Media

Volunteers

Promote Public Library

Connect with Reading Organizations



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R.I.S.E. Arkansas includes a book talk campaign featuring a variety of stakeholders:



BOOK TALK PROGRAM

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State Board of Education Member
& 2015 Arkansas Teacher of the Year
Ouida Newton talks about

"My Side of the Mountain"
by Jean Craighead George

PLAY



#RISEArkansas - book talks and photos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYYUaEj1FJA&feature=youtu.be>

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#RISEArkansas - social media campaign:

#RISEArkansas

Connect with us on social media! View resources!



Building a Culture of Reading



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Watch Gov. Asa Hutchinson & Commissioner Johnny Key launch R.I.S.E. Arkansas reading initiative

Every **child** has the
RIGHT to read, and we as
the community have the
RESPONSIBILITY to
support that effort.



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