Sharpening the Focus and Strengthening Instruction

Creating Community Collaboration

Building a Culture of Reading
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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
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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PHONETICS
How speech sounds are produced

PHONOLOGY
How sounds go together in words

MORPHOLOGY
Meaningful word parts: in-flat(e)-ed

SEMANTICS
Meanings of words, phrases, idioms

SYNTAX
How words are ordered in sentences

PARAGRAPH AND TEXT STRUCTURE
Organization of sentences in text
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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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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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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:

#RISEArkansas - book talks and photos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYYuAEj1FJA&feature=youtu.be
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#RISEArkansas - social media campaign:
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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.