

Approved List of Evidence-Based Reading Intervention Programs

Program and Vendor Information

This form contains general information about the approved program and vendor. It is intended to assist districts in evaluating reading intervention programs before contacting vendors for local procurements.

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PROGRAM TITLE AND PUBLICATION YEAR OR EDITION

Delivering SMARTER Intervention, 2nd Edition

VENDOR

Ascend Learning and Educational Consulting

Target Audience of Instructional Programming	Reading Components Claimed	Professional Development in Materials Available
Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade, 9th Grade, 10th Grade, 11th Grade, 12th Grade	Phonological and Phonemic Awareness, Phonics and Word Study, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension	Yes

Vendor Information

VENDOR WEBSITE

www.smarterintervention.com

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Program Specific Information

The information below was supplied by the vendor.

PROGRAM

Delivering SMARTER Intervention

PROGRAM SPECIFIC WEBSITE

www.smarterintervention.com/dsi

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Delivering SMARTER Intervention is a comprehensive reading intervention program designed to support diverse learners from early elementary through secondary grades. The curriculum delivers structured, easy-to-use lessons that explicitly target the five core components of literacy—phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension—through a cohesive, research-based instructional approach.

Teachers are equipped with sequenced lessons that build foundational skills using clear, systematic instruction. Engaging multisensory activities and decodable texts ensure students actively participate in meaningful learning experiences that drive reading success. Designed for teacher-directed delivery, the program seamlessly supports small-group and individualized intervention settings.

With its flexible design, Delivering SMARTER Intervention allows educators to adapt pacing and intensity to meet varied student needs, including those with persistent reading difficulties. By providing a streamlined, user-friendly framework, the program empowers educators with the tools to deliver effective literacy instruction and foster confident, capable readers.

PRIMARY METHOD OF INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

Teacher-directed instruction

PROGRAM ALIGNMENT WITH THE SCIENCE OF READING AND STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE LITERACY INSTRUCTION

Delivering SMARTER Intervention is built on the solid foundation of the science of reading and incorporates evidence-based practices throughout its instructional framework. The curriculum emphasizes explicit, systematic, and sequential instruction across the five pillars of reading—phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension—working from the sound level through text application, as recommended by the National Reading Panel (2000). Each lesson follows structured literacy principles, providing clear modeling, guided practice, and ongoing review to ensure mastery (Ehri, 2005; Moats, 2020).

Multisensory techniques, including the use of manipulatives and interactive digital tools, reinforce the direct teaching of sound-symbol relationships and decoding strategies, aligning

with research on effective reading instruction (Seidenberg, 2017; Ehri, 2022). The program also integrates regular opportunities for assessment-driven instruction, ensuring targeted intervention and personalized learning paths.

By aligning with research-based best practices (Moats, 1999; National Reading Panel, 2000), Delivering SMARTER Intervention equips educators with a reliable and effective approach to fostering reading proficiency. This alignment not only supports skill acquisition but also builds student confidence and long-term literacy success.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND ONGOING SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS TO AID IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

Delivering SMARTER Intervention includes a comprehensive professional learning and support system designed to help educators successfully implement the program in their setting. Training starts with a self-paced online course that introduces teachers to the curriculum's assessment tools, lesson structure, and digital resources. For those who want additional hands-on practice, live virtual workshops are available as an optional addition, providing interactive training on lesson delivery and student progress tracking.

Ongoing support continues with regular coaching sessions, giving teachers the opportunity to receive personalized feedback and to get help troubleshooting challenges. A dedicated online resource hub—featuring video tutorials, step-by-step lesson guides, and quick-reference materials—is available anytime for extra support. Teachers can also connect through virtual professional learning communities (PLCs) and refresher webinars to share ideas and best practices. Our team is available to provide responsive technical support, ensuring districts have the resources they need for a smooth rollout and lasting success in improving student reading skills.