

Approved Secondary Reading Interventions Information Sheet

Purpose

The attached documents were created to provide information to assist school-based staff in making placement decisions for students needing reading interventions. Staff can use the *FY 2009 English Language Arts Decision Trees* memo to help inform them about which students may be in need of a reading intervention, but the attached documents provide information on interventions to help staff match the appropriate intervention to each student's needs. No one intervention is recommended above another as the effectiveness of an intervention is determined in a large part by its appropriateness for the student. Consultation with special education and DCI specialists is encouraged when selecting programs.

Approval/Funding

The interventions described in the information packets are approved in MCPS and each intervention is clearly defined as to which audience(s) the intervention is approved for. As with all materials approved in MCPS, all of the interventions may not be available in each school. *No additional funds are currently available for purchasing of any interventions.*

Professional Development

In order for instruction in intervention courses to be successful, specialized professional development is needed. Please check Professional Development Online for scheduled training or contact the appropriate person below for further information about future trainings.

Data Guidelines

The data points included in the entry and exit guidelines are meant to be indicators which might indicate an intervention is an appropriate match for a student and when that intervention may no longer be an appropriate match. These data points are not intended to be a checklist of criteria.

Further Information

Consultation with special education and DCI specialists is encouraged when selecting programs. For more information for

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