

# Ready

## SREB Readiness Courses Institute

Nashville, Tennessee | July 10-13, 2017

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### Readiness Courses Institute

Training for the SREB Readiness Courses will be held July 10 – 13 during the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center.

SREB offers two levels of Readiness Courses in literacy and math. The **Ready for College** courses are taught during the senior year to prepare students for the rigors of college. The **Ready for High School** courses are taught during the eighth or ninth grade to prepare students for high school course work.

### Make the Commitment to Make a Difference

Your school can improve high school and college graduation rates by implementing the SREB Readiness Courses — proven to close the readiness gap. These courses, designed for students who need a boost in literacy and math, are challenging for students and teachers. Schools implementing them should select teachers who are enthusiastic about impacting students through engaging curricula.

### Space is Limited: Apply Today

Registration for each course will be limited to the first 20 teachers from schools that have submitted a completed application and are committed to implementing the courses. Once your application is approved, SREB staff will assist you with the registration process. Applications will be available February 1, 2017. To receive an application, email us at [Ready@SREB.org](mailto:Ready@SREB.org).

### Stipends Available



- A \$700 stipend is available for the first 20 teachers to register for each course from schools whose applications have been approved.
- The stipend reimburses the \$350 cost of registration and provides \$350 for assistance with travel costs.
- Stipends are provided to participants upon completion of all four days of training.

### Become an SREB Ready Certified School



SREB has established a five-step certification process for schools implementing the Readiness Courses. The rigorous certification process can be found on the SREB website and involves verification of successful implementation and documentation of student learning. SREB Ready Certified Schools will receive a plaque to display at the school and will be featured on the SREB website. The plaque will be presented to school officials during a site visit from an SREB staff member, and state officials will be notified of the school's accomplishments. SREB offers a Gold Level of certification to schools offering Readiness Courses in either literacy or math, and a Platinum Level of certification to schools implementing Readiness Courses in both literacy and math. Outstanding SREB Ready Certified schools will be invited to present their programs and results at the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference.

### Schedule at a Glance



Teachers will attend four full days of training Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Participants will be automatically registered for the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference and may attend conference sessions Friday and Saturday.

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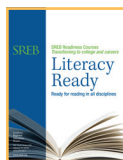
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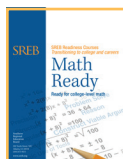
### Ready for College Courses

Schools can address the readiness gap by implementing senior-year courses in literacy and mathematics for underprepared students. SREB offers two courses, Literacy Ready and Math Ready, to make sure students are ready for college before they graduate from high school. These courses are being implemented in thousands of high schools across the nation with impressive results.



### *Literacy Ready: Ready for College-Level Reading and Writing*

This course utilizes a disciplinary literacy approach that teaches students strategies for reading and understanding complex texts in different subject areas. Students learn to develop and defend ideas from textbooks and write about them in different college-level formats. The unit structure conforms to the framework of the Literacy Design Collaborative that addresses college- and career-readiness standards.



### *Math Ready: Ready for College-Level Math*

This course emphasizes understanding of math concepts beyond memorizing procedures. Math Ready students learn the context behind procedures and understand why to use a certain formula or method to solve a problem. By engaging students in real-world applications, Math Ready develops critical-thinking skills that students will use in college and their careers.



### Ready for High School Courses

Research shows that between 70 and 80 percent of students who fail in the first year of high school will not graduate. By implementing courses in literacy and mathematics for underprepared students, schools can increase their ninth-grade retention rates, and ultimately, their high school graduation rates. SREB offers two courses, Ready for High School Literacy and Ready for High School Math, designed to prepare students for high school studies. These courses are critical to addressing the high failure and dropout rates that occur during the ninth grade.



### Ready for High School Literacy

This course utilizes a disciplinary literacy approach that teaches students strategies for reading and understanding complex texts in different subject areas. Students learn to develop and defend ideas and write about them in different high school-level formats. The unit structure conforms to the framework of the Literacy Design Collaborative, while preparing students for the rigors of high school studies. The course consists of six units, with two units in English, two units in history and two units in science.



### Ready for High School Math

This course emphasizes understanding of math concepts beyond just memorizing procedures. In Ready for High School Math, students learn the context behind procedures and understand why to use a certain formula or method to solve a problem. By engaging students in real-world applications, Ready for High School Math develops critical-thinking skills that students will use throughout their high school studies in math and science. The course consists of eight units, culminating in a capstone project that emphasizes synthesis of concepts.