# Ready

# **SREB Readiness Courses Institute**

Louisville, Kentucky I July 11-15, 2016

# Get Ready to Make a Difference!

Your school and district can improve high school and college graduation rates by implementing the SREB Readiness Courses, proven to increase student readiness for college and careers. These courses are designed for underprepared students who need a different approach in a challenging and engaging environment. School districts are encouraged to send teams of teachers to the institute, which includes registration to the 30th Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference, July 13-15, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Ready for College courses, Literacy Ready and Math Ready, are offered during the senior year to prepare students for the rigors of college and postsecondary studies.

The Ready for High School courses in Literacy and Math are offered during the eighth or ninth grade to prepare students for success in high school.

# Attend Two Conferences for One Low Price

- Register for the SREB Readiness Courses Institute; fee is \$250.
- Receive complimentary registration for the 30th Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference, July 13-15.

### Stipends Available for the SREB Readiness Courses Institute

- Register Here: http://bit.ly/ReadinessNow.
- There is a \$500 stipend available for the first 100 teachers who register for the institute.
- The stipend is provided to participants upon completion of training.

# The Stipend:

- Reimburses participants 100 percent of the \$250 registration fee.
- Provides \$250 for assistance with travel and lodging.

**District teams of five or more** receive an *additional* \$100 stipend per teacher to use toward travel and lodging: A total stipend package of \$600 per registrant!

#### Schedule at a Glance

Teachers will attend five days of training — full days of training on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with half days on Thursday and Friday. The schedule allows participants to attend the 30th Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

# Certification

Certificates of Completion will be provided to all teachers completing the training for professional development or continuing education credit. Online follow-up support is offered to participants to give the teachers resources and assistance needed during the first year of course implementation.

# **Questions?**

Contact Diane Patterson at diane.patterson@sreb.org to register for the Readiness Courses Institute. Contact John Squires at john.squires@sreb.org with any questions about the SREB Readiness Courses.

SREB High Schools That Work



#### **Ready for College Courses**

Schools can address the readiness gap by implementing senior-year courses in literacy and mathematics for students underprepared for college. 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 various 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 goes beyond rote memorization and emphasizes understanding of math concepts. Math Ready students learn the context behind procedures and understand why they should 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 70 percent to 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 various 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 goes beyond rote memorization and emphasizes understanding of math concepts. 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.