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## Join us at the 2018 Readiness Courses Institute

Join over 80 teachers at the 2018 Readiness Courses Institute July 9-12 at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. 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 high school.

For more information, visit the [Readiness Courses Institute website](#) and [download the application](#). Space is limited to the first 25 teachers to enroll in each course, so apply today. Questions and completed applications should be sent to [Ready@SREB.org](mailto:Ready@SREB.org).

## Model District Grants Announced

SREB is pleased to announce a grant opportunity for schools interested in implementing our Ready for College courses: Literacy Ready and Math Ready. This competition is open to medium and large districts with multiple schools that have not implemented the SREB Readiness Courses or those in the initial stages of implementation. SREB is looking for districts interested in forming a strategic partnership to implement these courses in at least three to five high schools to advance student readiness for postsecondary studies. Two-year grants of \$10,000 will be awarded to up to six districts, with \$5,000 of funding awarded in 2018 and in 2019.

School districts interested in applying should [download the RFP](#) and the [grant application](#). Completed applications should be submitted to [Ready@SREB.org](mailto:Ready@SREB.org) by the deadline of April 13, 2018. School districts selected will be notified by April 20, 2018 and will need to send a team of teachers to the [2018 Readiness Courses Institute](#). Questions regarding the Model District Grants can be submitted to John Squires at [John.Squires@SREB.org](mailto:John.Squires@SREB.org).

## Become a Ready Certified School

SREB is pleased to announce a new initiative for schools that have implemented the SREB Ready for College courses, Literacy Ready and Math Ready. Interested schools can now apply to become an [SREB Ready Certified School](#). This certification process will recognize only the top schools that have done an outstanding job of implementing the readiness courses.

The certification process includes documentation of implementation with fidelity and evidence of student success. Schools can be recognized at either the Gold or Platinum level, and will be featured on the SREB website and presented with a plaque to display at the school. Selected schools that complete the certification process will be invited to present their stories at the annual [High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference](#) in Orlando in July.

School districts interested in applying should [download the application](#). Completed applications and question should be submitted to [Ready@SREB.org](mailto:Ready@SREB.org).

## Readiness Efforts Spreading Nationwide

Since SREB President Dave Spence began the California State University Early Assessment Program in 2007 while serving as CSU provost, readiness programs have spread across the nation. Implementation has been a key element in some programs, such as Kentucky's Senate 1 Bill, while other programs have been a grassroots effort, such as the Tennessee SAILS program.

According to a [recent report](#) by Columbia University's Community College Research Center, readiness programs have now been implemented in earnest in over 20 states. Education Commission of the States has also developed a [website resource](#) containing information on the readiness programs in all 50 states.

As the number of states addressing student readiness for postsecondary education has grown, so has the demand for high-quality transition curricula. The SREB [Ready for College](#) courses, [Literacy Ready](#) and [Math Ready](#), have become the courses that are the most utilized, and are currently implemented in over 1,000 schools in more than 10 states. Training for these courses are offered each summer at the annual High Schools that Work Staff Development Conference, and the courses are available to schools as a [free download](#) from the SREB website. Questions regarding the SREB Ready courses can be sent to [Ready@SREB.org](mailto:Ready@SREB.org).

