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Over 2,000 Teachers Trained In 2014, SREB began training teachers in the Readiness courses, beginning with teachers in the pilots for Literacy Ready and Math Ready. Since then, more than 2,000 teachers in over 20 states have been trained in the SREB [Ready for College](#) and [Ready for High School](#) courses. SREB offers a variety of training options, including state and regional trainings, the Readiness Courses Institute and on-site trainings for districts. These high-quality, intensive trainings introduce teachers to a new approach in their classrooms with a focus on student engagement and individual growth.

To properly implement the SREB Ready courses, teachers should attend an initial three-day training and then engage in online follow-up support to stay connected to fellow teachers and a readiness trainer. If your school is interested in implementing the SREB Ready curriculum, you can locate a training on the [More Trainings](#) page of the SREB website. Information for summer 2018 trainings will appear on the website beginning in February 2018, and updates will be provided throughout the spring. If your district is interested in hosting a training, please contact John Squires at John.Squires@SREB.org.

Ready for High School Pilots SREB has worked with states to develop two new courses that schools can use struggling students as they enter high school. These courses can be offered in either the eighth or ninth grade to students who need help in literacy or mathematics. [Ready for High School Literacy](#) utilizes a disciplinary literacy approach — teaching students to read and write in English, history and math. [Ready for High School Math](#) is based on the Mathematics Design Collaborative pedagogy and focuses on developing critical thinking skills and deep understanding of mathematical concepts. Both courses will be completed in May 2018 and available for download from the SREB website. Trainings will be offered in the summer of 2018 for schools interested in implementing the Ready for High School curricula.

Literacy Still an Issue While math remains a critical problem to meeting the nation's future educational and workforce needs, literacy poses an even bigger challenge. Two of the three skills identified by employers in ACT WorkKeys, Graphic Literacy and Workplace Documents require employees to read, analyze and apply written information. Yet the nation's high school graduates lag in their reading abilities. In 2017, only 47 percent met the ACT College Readiness Benchmark in reading. Schools can address this crisis by implementing a challenging curriculum, such as [Literacy Ready](#). Students in Literacy Ready are able to make impressive gains in their ACT subscores, according to a [recent SREB study](#). Built upon the Literacy Design Collaborative pedagogy, the course engages students to develop analytical and communication skills in disciplines, including English, history and science.

Ready Printing Now Available SREB has partnered with the Tennessee Book Company to provide inexpensive, high-quality course materials for the SREB Ready courses. Schools can purchase student notebooks for the Ready for College courses: Literacy Ready and Math Ready. Materials for the Ready for High School courses will be available in May 2018. The cost of these materials is less than the expense of making unbound, black and white copies at a local copy center. Schools interested in purchasing course materials can visit the SREB Ready [course downloads page](#). For schools implementing the SREB Ready program, all course materials and resources are still available as a free download from the SREB website.

