

# READY News

Are Your Students *Ready*?

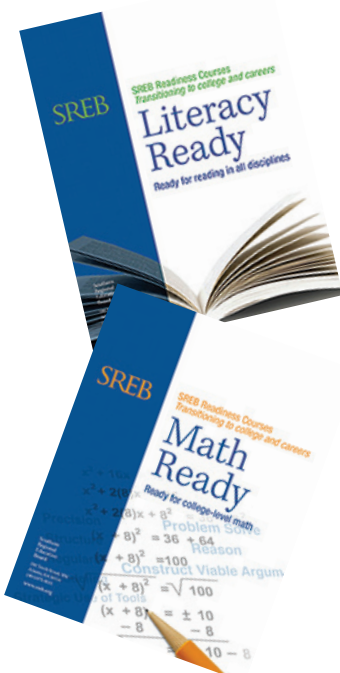
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## Over 750 Teachers Learn to Teach SREB Readiness Courses

Too many students enter college without the foundational skills they need in English and math. Many are required to take expensive remedial courses, which may delay or prevent them from completing a credential or degree program. Similarly, students who enter ninth grade unprepared for the rigors of high school are at a higher risk of not graduating.

That's why more and more schools are offering special courses that help students succeed during these crucial transitional periods. Schools are teaming up with the Southern Regional Education Board to offer four [Readiness Courses](#) in literacy and math and ensure that teachers have the necessary pedagogical skills and support to teach them.

In 2018 alone, SREB instructional coaches have trained over 750 teachers to deliver Ready for High School Literacy, Ready for High School Math, and two college-prep Readiness Courses, Literacy Ready and Math Ready. Trainings were conducted in 10 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas.

	Number of Teachers Trained in 2018
<b>Ready for College Courses</b>	
Literacy Ready	219
Math Ready	288
<b>Ready for High School Courses</b>	
Ready for High School Literacy	105
Ready for High School Math	145

Schools or districts interested in implementing SREB's Readiness Courses, providing professional development to Readiness Course teachers or hosting a districtwide Readiness Course training should contact [Ready@SREB.org](mailto:Ready@SREB.org).



## SREB Ready Certified Schools

In 2018, SREB launched the Ready Certified Schools program, which recognizes schools that have implemented the Readiness Courses in literacy and math and have documented their effectiveness.

Whale Branch Early College High School in South Carolina was recognized as the first **SREB Ready Certified School**. Whale Branch implemented SREB's Ready for High School Math course for underprepared students entering ninth-graders and Literacy Ready for seniors who have not met college readiness benchmarks.



After implementing SREB's Ready for High School Math course, student success in Algebra I reached an all-time high at the school.

After offering Literacy Ready, Whale Branch significantly increased by 30 percent the percentage of students who meet college-readiness benchmarks in literacy as well as the number of students who are eligible to take dual enrollment courses in high school.

SREB's Readiness Courses helped Whale Branch Early College increase student preparation for both high school and college-level course work. Congratulations to Whale Branch Early College High School on becoming the first Ready Certified School!

For schools interested in becoming an SREB Ready Certified School, visit our [website](#). Submit questions or applications to [Ready@SREB.org](mailto:Ready@SREB.org).

## 2018-19 District Grants

In the spring of 2018, the Southern Regional Education Board invited school districts interested in implementing SREB Readiness Courses to apply for an SREB Ready District Grant. Two-year grants of \$10,000 were awarded to six districts, with \$5,000 of funding to be paid to the districts in 2018 and again in 2019. Congratulations to the six winning districts, who are listed below.

**Bowling Green Independent School District**, Bowling Green, Kentucky

**Graves County Schools**, Mayfield, Kentucky

**Pike County School District**, Troy, Alabama

**Pikeville Independent School District**, Pikeville, Kentucky

**Roswell Independent School District**, Roswell, New Mexico

**Yukon Public Schools**, Yukon, Oklahoma

**Questions?** If you'd like to learn more about SREB's Readiness Courses, email us at [Ready@SREB.org](mailto:Ready@SREB.org).