## Ready

## SREB Readiness Courses Institute

Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center Orlando, Florida I July 9-12, 2018

Concurrent With the 32nd Annual HSTW Staff Development Conference

## **Readiness Courses Institute**

Training for the SREB Readiness Courses will be held July 9-12 during the 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference at the Gaylord Palms 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.



## Schedule at a Glance

Teachers will attend four full days of training Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Participants will be automatically registered for the 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference and may attend conference sessions Friday and Saturday.

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## Apply Today – The Registration Fee Will Be Waived

Each of the four workshops for the Readiness Courses Institute is limited to 25 teachers. Schools must submit an application and be committed to implementing the course or courses they select. Once the application is approved, the \$350 registration fee for teachers will be waived. The deadline to register is June 15.

## **Readiness Courses Institute Workshops**

- Ready for High School Literacy
- Ready for High School Math
- Ready for College Literacy
- Ready for College Math

## **Readiness Courses Institute Application**

Download the application at <u>https://www.sreb.org/readiness-</u> courses-institute or contact us at <u>ready@sreb.org</u>. We will email you the registration form.

Once your application is approved, SREB staff will assist you in completing the registration process. Note: Breakfast and lunch will be provided during the workshops. Participants are responsible for hotel and travel costs.

Bonus: Readiness Courses Institute participants will receive complimentary registration for the High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference, July 11-14, 2018.

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## **Ready for High School Courses**

Research shows between 70 percent 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 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 criticalthinking 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.



## **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 collegeand 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.

## 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.

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