

READY News

Are Your Students *Ready*?

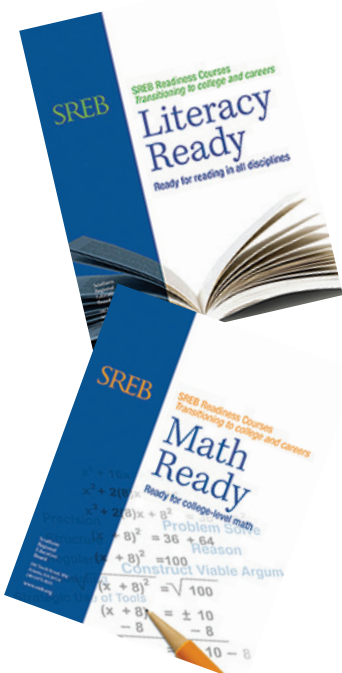
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Over 750 Teachers Learn to Teach SREB Readiness Courses

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
Ready for College Courses	
Literacy Ready	219
Math Ready	288
Ready for High School Courses	
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.

2018 SREB Ready Awards

SREB conferred three awards to individuals offering Readiness Courses at the 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. Congratulations to the winners of the President's Readiness Trailblazer Award, the Outstanding Literacy Ready Teacher award and the Outstanding Math Ready Teacher award.

The **SREB President's Readiness Trailblazer** award was presented to Stacy Smith, Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services in Arkansas. Her leadership made it possible for SREB Ready for College courses in literacy and math to be implemented statewide in all public schools. The state department of education approved the course offerings in 2012 to increase students' readiness for postsecondary studies. Over 500 Arkansas teachers participated in SREB's professional development to prepare to teach the courses.



Stacy Smith

The **Outstanding Literacy Ready Teacher** award was presented to Sandra Dorning of West Limestone High School in Alabama. Dorning taught the SREB Literacy Ready course to high school seniors in the 2017-18 school year, and 100 percent of her students graduated.

Dorning's students also participated in a study in which they took the ACT both before enrolling in Literacy Ready and after taking the course. Every student who took the ACT after taking Literacy Ready made significant gains on one or both ACT assessments in English and reading. Students' ACT English scores increased from an average of 15.9 to 18.0, and reading scores increased from an average of 17.5 to 19.6.

The **Outstanding Math Ready Teacher** award was presented to Sharon Moehle of Lake Career and Technical Center in Missouri. Moehle taught SREB's Math Ready course to high school seniors in the 2017-18 school year. To gauge the effectiveness of the course, the school administered the Accuplacer exam to students after they took Math Ready: 88 percent scored at the college level for mathematics, meaning they will not be required to enroll in a developmental math course in Missouri colleges.



Sharon Moehle

By implementing SREB's Math Ready course, Moehle and Lake Career and Technical Center increased student preparation for college-level course work — saving students time and money when they graduate from high school and begin a postsecondary program of studies.

SAVE the DATES One week – Two powerful conferences

July 10 – 13

Join us at the **2019 Making Schools Work Conference**, the nation's leading professional learning event for improving instruction and increasing K-12 student achievement.

July 8 – 10

Come early and explore powerful literacy and math practices at the **College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference**.

Hilton Baltimore and the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland

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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.

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.