

READ CENTER
HOME SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

Home School Advantages with Intervention Support
An ideal concept for students with dyslexia and other learning challenges

Student Support:

Reading Specialist – An experienced reading specialist is available to provide the language arts portion of your child’s curriculum in a manner that attacks learning challenges at their core and provides instruction in a grade- level language arts curriculum.

Speech/Language Support – Speech/Language intervention is available for students who have underlying auditory processing or other language challenges that are preventing them from making expected progress in a typical reading or language arts curriculum. Children with speech/language deficits have difficulty retaining verbal instruction, applying phonetic principles, comprehending what they read, making connections, and applying what they have learned. Until core deficits are addressed, reading progress will be slow, labored and frustrating at best.

Occupational Therapy Support – Occupational therapy intervention is available for students who have underlying visual perception, fine-motor, sensory or attention difficulties that are preventing them from making expected progress in written expression and in the general curriculum. Children who experience fine-motor, visual or sensory/attention difficulties have a difficult time attending to instruction, organizing their thoughts and materials, transitioning from task to task or expressing themselves in writing at the level of their verbal ability.

Educational Psychology Support – Evaluations are available ranging from basic academic screenings to comprehensive psychoeducational assessments for the purpose of exploring intellectual potential; identifying learning and/or cognitive processing deficits; coordinating intervention services; and providing documentation of these deficits to be used for recommending accommodations/ modifications for standardized testing and classroom instruction should the need arise.

Parent Support:

Curriculum Planning – The **READ** Team reading specialist and educational psychologist are available to review curriculums and offer input and advice regarding how to alter or enhance the curriculum to best meet the child’s needs.

Technology Support – Often, the most concise and targeted intervention programs can be offered through technology – both skill building computer programs and assistive technology can enhance learning and greatly reduce frustration. Programs are offered at the **READ** Center and can also be purchased for home use.

General Support – Parenting and teaching a home school student who is experiencing a learning challenge can be extremely rewarding but also quite frustrating and exhausting.

The **READ** Center's educational psychologist is available to coordinate intervention services and monitor progress, coach parents in strategies to identify and focus on the students' strengths, and combat the stress that is inevitable for parents committed to providing a quality home school program.

For more information on the **READ** Center's Home School Support Team, feel free to contact Elizabeth Cox, Ph.D. at (865) 766-8504.