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Project Overview

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Description

- Online staff development project designed to help teachers improve reading instruction
- Funded by Florida DOE
- Working in collaboration with literacy experts, school districts and professional organizations.

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Statewide Participation

- Advisory Boards
 - Executive, Content and Technical
- District staff development, literacy and technology teams
- District (or Consortium or University)-based
- Area Centers for Educational Enhancement (ACEE)
- FLaRE
- Project Central

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Statewide Participation

- North East Florida Educational Consortium
- Panhandle Area Educational Consortium
- Florida Learning Alliance
- Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System

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Statewide Participation

- Florida Virtual School
- Florida School for the Deaf and Blind
- Florida Reading Initiative
- Sun Microsystems Incorporated

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Project Goals



Improve Florida students' reading skills

- Make quality instruction and research-based strategies and techniques available to all of Florida's educators through an online course
- Align with "Just Read, Florida!"

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Project Goals

- Reach 1/3 of Florida's teachers in the first year of the project
- Provide a model for large-scale staff development projects

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Content

- Balanced Program
- Based on Sunshine State Standards
- Diagnostic and Prescriptive
- 5 components of effective reading instruction
 - Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension
- Assessment
- Technology

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Technology

- Online (web-based)
- WebCT--quizzes, surveys, password protected, multi-media
- Threaded discussions, hyperlinks
- Interactive lessons, rubrics, models
- Downloadable “job aids” & just in time materials
- Chats, feedback, support

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Schedule

- Summer 2002
 - Content Writing Teams
 - Facilitator Training Component
 - Online Course Development
- Fall 2002
 - Pilot/ 3 districts
 - December 2002
 - Full scale implementation anticipated

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Communicating the FOR-PD Message

- Dissemination of Promotional flyer
- Presentations at Conferences and Meetings
- Statewide Email Announcement
- Statewide Mailing of Announcement
- Promotional Video Aired Statewide

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Communicating the FOR-PD Message: Presentations/Articles

- DOE Leadership Reading Conference
- Florida League of Teachers
- Florida Association of School Superintendents
- Florida Association of Media Educators
- Florida Association for Theater Education

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Communicating the FOR-PD Message: Presentations/Articles

- Florida Staff Development Council
- Florida Council for Teachers of English

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Current Status

- Personnel Hired
- Facilitator's Course Complete & Reviewed
- Course Writers Completing Modules
- Infrastructure in place to disseminate FOR-PD information
- Addressing College Credit
- Seeking Course Facilitators

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Critical Components

- Writing Team
 - Comprised of literacy experts
- Quality Facilitators
 - Background
 - Training
 - Online Support
- School & Home Technology
- Tech Support

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5 Essential Components for teaching reading

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

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FOR-PD Course Content

- Phonics & phonemic awareness
- Strengthening vocabulary development
- Increasing comprehension & fluency
- Literacy instruction and non-native speakers of English
- Instruction for struggling readers

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What is exemplary reading instruction?

- Research-based reading instruction
- Balanced word identification instruction
- Balanced comprehension instruction
- Emphasis on small & flexible reading groups
- Many opportunities for independent reading
- Back-up plans for struggling readers
- High level of student involvement
- Ongoing assessment

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Related Documents

- Just Read, Florida!
- No Child Left Behind
- FOR-PD website at <http://www.itrc.ucf.edu/forpd/>

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